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MAJOR BATTLE RAGING IN DAMASCUS REGION

British Armoured Column Takes Big Nazi Aerodrome

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE THE ALLIED FORCES IN SYRIA ARE UNCONFIRMEDLY REPORTED IN LONDON BY FREE FRENCH CIRCLES TO HAVE ENTERED BEIRUT, THE COASTAL TOWN AROUND WHICH HEAVY FIGHTING HAS BEEN PROCEEDING, LATEST ADVICES ON THE CAMPAIGN INDICATE THAT THE MAIN BATTLE IS BEING FOUGHT ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF DAMASCUS, THE CAPITAL.

Though Free French reports claim that the French in Damascus have sent plenipotentiaries to the Allied lines, presumably to negotiate a surrender, this is not backed up by official confirmation, and all indications are that the easy advance of the Allied mechanised forces has now met with the first major resistance since the Syrian border was crossed.

SEVEN DIRECT HITS ON TANKER

Seven direct hits were scored by British bombers in an attack not lasting more than one minute made on a 5,000-ton German tanker in the Dover Straits late yesterday afternoon. The tanker was left on fire with her decks awash and listing heavily.—Reuter.

H.K. NAMES IN HONOUR LIST

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, member of the Legislative Council since October, 1935, has been appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.) in the King's Birthday Honours List.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Superintendent of the Tung Wah Hospital, receives the M.B.E.

A supplementary list includes the names of Mr. Ho Wing and Mr. Wong Mau-lam, to whom His Excellency the Governor has awarded Certificates of Honour in recognition of loyal and valuable services to the Government of Hong Kong.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will be warmly congratulated upon the honour conferred. For a considerable number of years he has been prominent in the public life of the Colony, being particularly closely identified with social welfare organisations, including the Tung Wah Hospital, the Po Leung Kuk, and, more recently, the Anti-Tuberculosis Association. He has been an Unofficial Justice of the Peace for nearly 20 years and has served on various semi-official bodies, including the District Watch Committee and the Chinese Public Dispensaries Committee.

Dr. Thomas has been in Gov-

Reuter quotes Ankara radio as reporting the occupation of an important and modern air field in eastern Syria.

The aerodrome, at Deir Ez Zor, was occupied by a British armoured column advancing from Abu Kamal. Many German planes had flown there from Iraq, said the announcer.

To the north of Deir Ez Zor, another British armoured column has been operating parallel to the Syrian-Turkish frontier, and has passed to the south of Ras El Ain, advancing towards Akke Kale.

THESE TWO COLUMNS MAY CONVERGE TOWARDS ALEPPO IN FORCE.

Vichy Admits Advance

A "slight" advance by Imperial and Free French Forces along the coast road, north of the Litani River, in Syria, is recorded in a Vichy communique broadcast by Lyons Radio last night.

The communique also announces the withdrawal of the French Forces defending Merj Ayoun to positions about 10 miles north of the town on a level with Hasbeya.

General Dentz's Version

A hint of a retreat in the Merj Ayoun area was made in a communique issued by General Dentz's headquarters and read over the Beirut wireless last night. The communique also claims to have held an Allied at-

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ernment service, as Chinese Medical Officer for nearly 20 years, having been occupied for many years at the Mental Hospital. He was appointed Superintendent of the Kwong Wah Hospital in 1938 and Superintendent of the Tung Wah Hospital later the same year.

Far East Included In Birthday Honours List

A former Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Andrew Caldecott, who is now Governor of Ceylon, receives the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in the King's Birthday Honours.

A Companionship of the same Order is awarded to Mr. William Stark Toller, British Consul-General in Canton.

Another Far Eastern resident, Major Kenneth Morrison Bourne, Commissioner of Police in Shanghai, becomes a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.—Reuter.

U-Boats Busy In Atlantic

Nazi surface raiders and at least one Nazi submarine had been very active in the South Atlantic area when the s.s. Robin Moor was reported to have been torpedoed.

So state members of the crew of the United States freighter "Illinois," which docked at Boston from Calcutta and Cape Town yesterday.

The officers said they passed in the vicinity of the area where

AND NOW WHAT?

JAPAN'S FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CHIEF DELEGATE IN THE BATAVIA TALKS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DECIDED UPON IN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S SPECIAL LIAISON CONFERENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND THE HIGH COMMAND.

Nature of the instructions will be revealed after their receipt by the Japanese delegation.

It is believed, in view of the recent meetings between Government, Army and Navy officials, the instructions amount to an order for Mr. Yoshizawa to withdraw from Batavia, says a Japanese report.—Reuter.

the Robin Moor was sunk a few days later but saw no trace of life-boats or wreckage.—Reuter.

BERLIN DOES NOT LIKE IT

Reports received in Madrid indicate that Franco-German relations are being "embarrassed" by the evident unwillingness of the Syrian French to implement Vichy's promises to Berlin.

The diplomatic editor of the "A.B.C." writes: "The theme in Berlin is that the Syrian struggle is an Anglo-French affair; nevertheless the lack of resistance, either through incapacity or owing to the effects of British and de Gaulle propaganda, cannot leave the Reich indifferent and it is not improbable that the advance of General Wilson's and General Catroux's soldiers will have repercussions on the relations between Berlin and Vichy."—Reuter.



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American Strikes Spread To Curtis-Wright Works

Threat Of "Dead Halt"

THE STRIKE SITUATION IN AMERICAN DEFENCE INDUSTRIES APPEARS TO BE GROWING MORE SERIOUS. IN SPITE OF A VIRTUAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION WALK-OUT WITH OCCUPATION OF THE PLANT BY THE U.S. ARMY, TWO MORE FACTORIES DEALING IN DEFENCE MATERIALS ARE NOW TO BE CLOSED.

These are two Curtis-Wright propellor factories in Pittsburgh, where the workers have decided to strike to-day (Thursday) for more pay.

Meanwhile the Cleveland factories of the Aluminium Company of America were still idle yesterday morning, and several workers who arrived with lunch boxes were turned back by pickets.

The settlement announced by the Defence Mediation Board in Washington on Tuesday night, providing for an all-round increase of one cent an hour for all employees, was subject to ratification by the Union yesterday afternoon.

Leaflets were distributed yesterday saying that President Roosevelt "cried against Hitlerism abroad only to use the tactics of a Hitler at home against the labouring man and woman."

"We find workers are being armed to fight fellow workers. Men in the shop to-day may find themselves in uniform to-morrow, and commanded to shoot down their Union brothers."—Reuter.

"Dead Halt" Threatened

International News Service quotes a high War Department official as saying yesterday: "If such walk-outs continue they will bring production of military aircraft in this country to a dead halt."

Meanwhile (adds International News), American Federation of Labour leaders of 16,000 employees of the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation at San Diego, which holds \$700,000,000 in warplane orders, are considering whether to strike if their demands for wage increases are rejected.

In Washington yesterday, President Roosevelt said an effort would be made to break the protracted San Francisco Bay shipyard strike to-day when the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labour machinists' representatives meet at the call of its president, Mr. Harvey Brown.

Support For Roosevelt

Mr. Brown will ask for authority to order the strikers back to work.

Strong sentiment is swinging behind the Administration Bill to "draft personnel and property," such as stores of hoarded aluminium and other vital materials needed for defence and asserted to be held by speculators seeking a wartime boom in prices. — International News Service.

Subversive Elements

Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary for the Navy, stated in Washington yesterday that subversive Communist elements using Labour Union activity as a "cloak to attack American freedom," in future would be proceeded against as "enemies of the country."

Colonel Knox told a meeting of aviation industry officials that Government action in the Los Angeles strike did not challenge bargaining or Union activity but challenged those "who use those things as a cloak to attack American freedom and liberty." — Reuter.

NEARLY 700 RAIDS ON MALTA

In a year of air raids Malta has had 694 alerts of which 468 occurred since January 15, when German Luftwaffe started raiding Malta.

The number of enemy aircraft officially known to have been destroyed by fighters and A.A. defences combined to date is 55 shot down and 60 confirmed as badly damaged but not confirmed as destroyed. — Reuter.

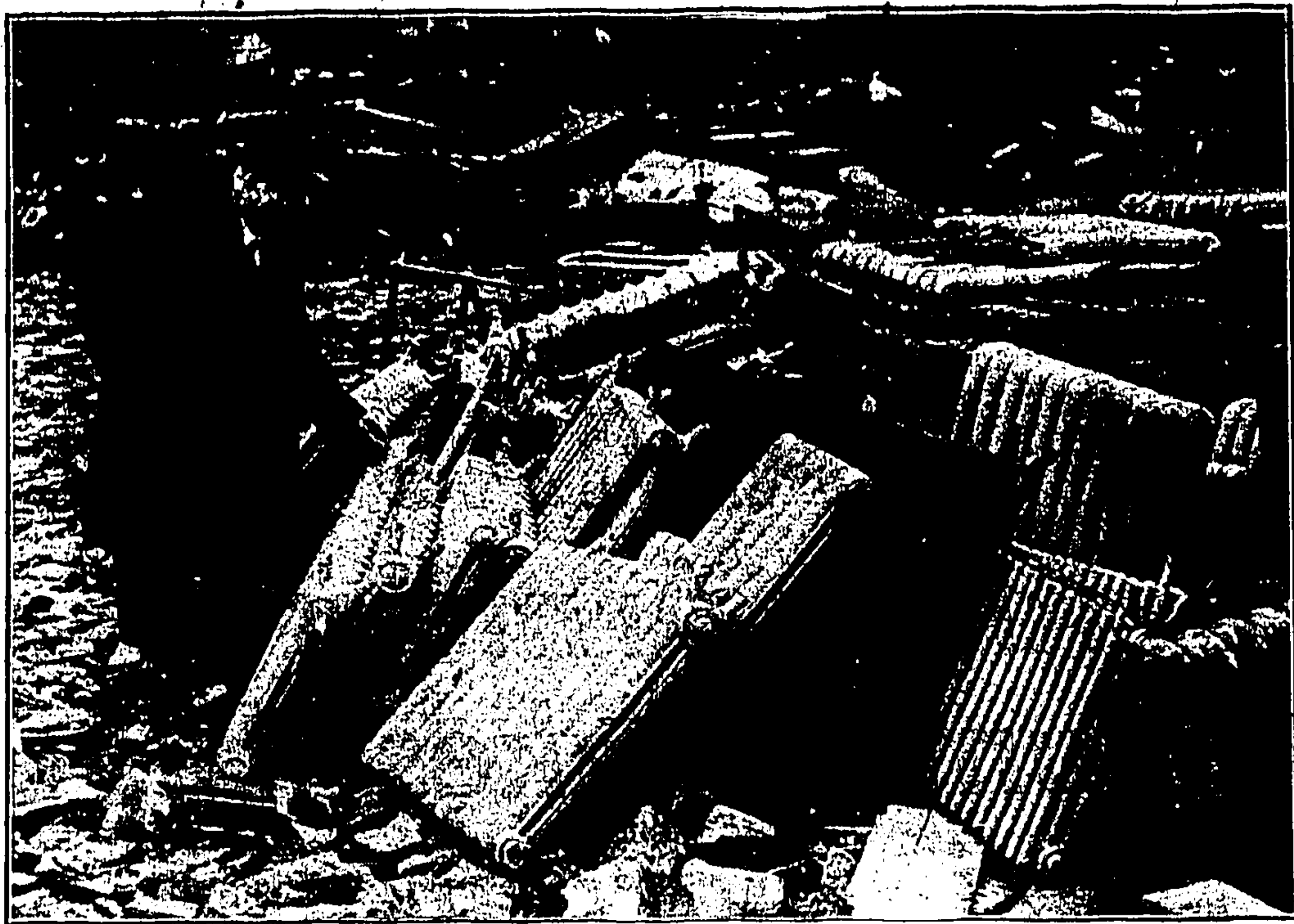
MACAO ARRESTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Three Chinese, arrested in a hotel in Macao yesterday, are being held by the Portuguese Police on charge in connection with the daring robbery carried out on May 18 at the Macao residence of Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan.—Our Own Correspondent.

INDIAN WATCHMAN SUCCUMBS

Dalla Singh, Indian Private Watchman, succumbed in the Queen Mary Hospital last night to the wounds received when he was shot at by a fellow-watchman near the Central Market in the morning.



ROTTEN ROW BARGAINS—Rotten Row, for years renowned as a riding-ground for London Society, is now a path to one of the strangest "bargain basements" in the world—a store set up by two Civil Servants to sell furniture and fittings from bombed out homes. This Hyde Park store, which fronts on the Row, has two men in charge—a superintendent and a clerk, "salesmen" for the first time in their lives. At this huge dump, the largest in Britain, one can buy a bath or a basin in good condition for 10s. Most of the prices are fixed by the Ministry of Home Security—building experts from the Ministry of Works and Buildings. Photo shows a buyer inspecting some radiators which have been salvaged and are now up for sale. (Copyright, Fox).

R.A.F. DAY ATTACK ON ZEEBRUGGE MOLE

CONTINUING THE daylight offensive against German coastal targets and enemy shipping, begun on March 12 last and carried on since whenever weather conditions permitted, British aircraft yesterday bombed the Mole at Zeebrugge and docks at Ymuiden.

The aircraft also sank a small vessel off the Dutch coast and shot down one enemy float plane into the sea.

The 'planes which attacked Zeebrugge dived out of a thick bank of clouds onto the target through heavy anti-aircraft fire and zoomed away.

They plastered an area where a 3,000-ton ship was tied up by the Mole and had time to see the ship sink in the middle of the harbour, and another alongside the Mole listing heavily from blows struck in earlier R.A.F. attacks. — Reuter.

SLIGHT NAZI AERIAL ACTIVITY

A small number of bombs were dropped by German raiders in south-west England last evening. No details have yet been received.

On the whole enemy activity over Britain during the day was slight, states an Air Ministry communique. — Reuter.

JAPANESE IN COURT SCENE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A tense atmosphere prevailed in the vicinity of the Shanghai First Special District Court when a party of seven Japanese plainclothes men insisted on attending the court.

The party arrived in cars and were stopped at the entrance. After a heated argument they were advised by a Japanese policeman to leave, which they did. — International News Service.

SHANGHAI EDITORS ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Three Shanghai Chinese editors are reported to have been arrested by Nanking secret servicemen on suspicion of being connected with a Chungking spy organisation.

No names or details are divulged though it is believed more arrests can be expected shortly. — International News Service.

GIB. 'MYSTERY' UNCOVERED

There is no foundation for the report that two French generals arrived in Gibraltar at the weekend and conferred with General Gort, it was learned from a most reliable source in Gibraltar yesterday, says a Reuter message.

BRITAIN TO FEED SYRIA

Arrangements have been made to send food immediately to any part of Syria where there is a shortage, as soon as that country has been cleared of Germans, stated the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday. — Reuter.

LAWRENCE WATERWAY PROJECT

Mr. William Knudsen, in charge of defence production, announced in Washington yesterday, that the United States Office of Production Management has formally approved the St. Lawrence Waterway project, including both waterway and electric power portions as an "all-out defence effort."

Agreement to start work on the \$88,000,000 St. Lawrence navigation and power project was signed by representatives of the United States and Canada in March.

Its immediate objectives are first to increase the power production of the International Rapids section of the St. Lawrence River and second, to provide an outlet for ship-building facilities in the Great Lakes area. — Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT ON BRITISH AID

Striking Figures Of Lease And Lend Programme

The First Report To Congress

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, PRESENTING A REPORT YESTERDAY ON THE OPERATION OF THE LEASE AND LEND ACT, ANNOUNCED THAT A "A LITTLE OVER \$75,000,000" WORTH OF DEFENCE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE DEMOCRACIES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ACT.

President Roosevelt said this aid "will help Britain outstrip the Axis powers in munitions of war," and added: "We shall see to it that these munitions get to places where they can be effectively used to weaken and defeat the aggressors."

It was the President's first report to Congress on the progress made under the Lease and Lend Act in sending supplies to Britain, China and "other Democratic nations."

The President's report to Congress covers the first shipments under the Lease and Lend Act from March 11 to the end of May, and shows that out of a total of \$75,000,000, the greatest part, totalling over \$26,000,000, was for "aircraft etc."

While the total is relatively small, President Roosevelt noted that exports of war goods to Britain had risen steadily since September, 1939.

Limited Facts

He said: "We will supply planes, guns, ammunition and other defence articles in ever increasing quantities to Britain, China and the other Democracies resisting aggression."

President Roosevelt said: "Facts and figures are being given to the extent advisable without disclosing military secrets to the benefit of the Axis powers."

"These facts describe the past and portray the present status of our aid to those nations so gallantly fighting the aggressors."

"They do not represent the most important fact of all—the strong will of our people to see to it that these forces of aggression shall not rule the world."

"We have before us the constant purpose, not of present safety alone, but equally of future survival."

Vast Supply Programme

"We have started in motion a vast supply programme essential to the defeat of the Axis powers," stated President Roosevelt.

"To be effective, aid rendered by us must be many sided. Ships are necessary to carry munitions and food."

"We are immediately making available to Britain 2,000,000 gross tons of cargo ships, and oil tankers, but this is not enough. Adequate shipping for every day to come must be reasonably assured."

"Since the Appropriation Act was passed, \$50,000,000 has been allocated for the construction of new ships and ways are required to build these ships."

President Roosevelt continued: "A million pounds of food is being sent, and will be sent."

"Iron and steel, machine-tools and other essentials to maintain and increase the production of war materials in Britain, are being sent, and U.S. surplus stocks of rifles, machine-guns, field artillery, ammunition, and aircraft, valued at over \$43,000,000, were sent."

Effect On Britain

"This equipment arrived in England after the retreat from Dunkirk, and has been of great help in the re-organisation of the British war effort."

supplier had upon the successful British resistance in the summer and autumn.

"In the first five months of this year Britain was sent 12 times as many planes and 10 times as many aircraft engines as during the first five months of last year."

"Relatively more heavy bombers and medium bombers are being sent, and 17 times as much in dollar valuation of firearms and munitions in the first quarter of this year as in the same period last year."

Contracts Let

Mentioning that major allocations under the Lease and Lend Act at May 31 were over \$880,000,000 for ordnance stores, \$318,000,000 for tanks and other vehicles, and \$551,000,000 for ships, the President added: "Contracts have been let for long-range bombers, ships, tanks and other sinews of war that will be needed for defence of the Democracies."

"The balance of less than \$2,750,000,000 is being rapidly allocated."—Reuter.

FOREIGN SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. MARITIME COMMISSION, ADMIRAL EMORY LAND, TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON THAT HE DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN A GENERAL MANNER YESTERDAY THE TRANSFER OF SOME FOREIGN SHIPS TO BRITAIN.

Admiral Land believed that Danish boats probably would be the first foreign vessels in United States ports to be requisitioned by the United States because negotiations for them were much more advanced than in the case of Italian and German ships.—Reuter.

QUEEN AT ST. PAUL'S

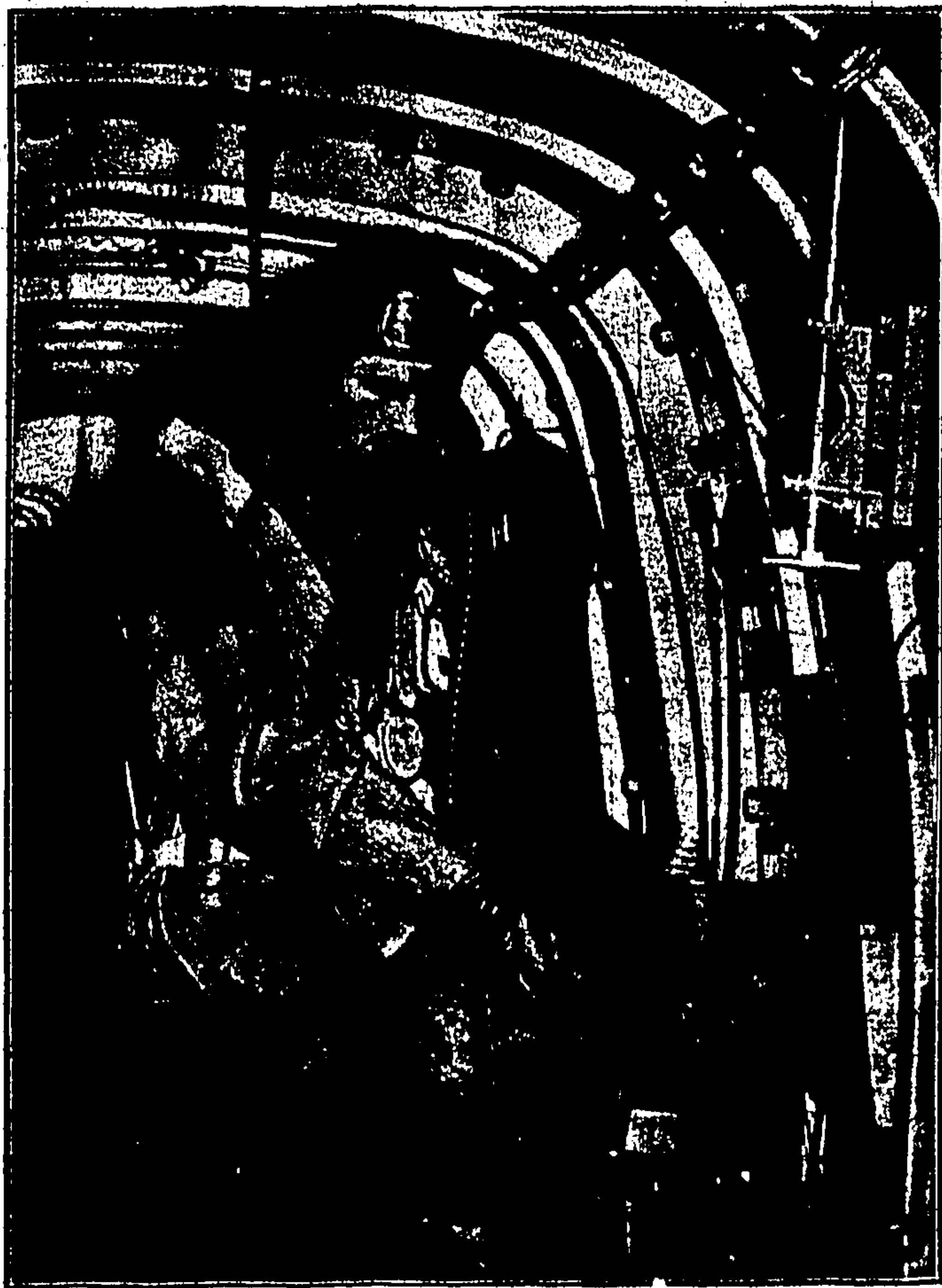
THE QUEEN PAID AN INFORMAL AND UNEXPECTED VISIT TO ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL ON TUESDAY.

She was shown the damage done by a high explosive bomb which smashed the roof over the North Transept and penetrated the Crypt.

Hundreds waited outside to see Her Majesty leave after a stay of an hour.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT IN LISBON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Captain James Roosevelt, the President's son, is expected to arrive in Lisbon after touring the Near East and Far East battlefronts, as a war observer, what effect the delivery of these



HOW THE FLARE IS RELEASED — An unusual picture, taken at a Bomber station of the Royal Air Force, showing how the flare is released from inside the machine. (Copyright, Fox).

BRITISH COUNCIL'S NEW HEAD

Sir Malcolm Robertson, M.P., and former British Ambassador to the Argentine, has been appointed Chairman of the British Council (whose aims include promotion of the mutual interchange of knowledge and ideas with other nations).

Sir Malcolm succeeds the late Lord Lloyd. He was British Minister in Montevideo from 1912-1913, and Minister to Brazil till 1915.

He then proceeded to Washington where he was First Secretary until 1918.

After serving in various European posts he was appointed Minister to the Argentine in 1925 and raised to the rank of Ambassador in 1927, remaining in Buenos Aires till 1929 when he retired from diplomacy, was elected a Member of Parliament and became director of several important corporations.

The reorganisation of the British Diplomatic Service, announced by Mr. Eden in the Commons yesterday, was based on a report by Sir Malcolm Robertson.—Reuter.

EQUAL RIGHTS DECLARATION

A Police Cabinet meeting in London yesterday afternoon approved a declaration by General Sikorski, Polish Premier, giving equal rights in future in Poland to all citizens irrespective of nationality, race or religion and regarding the conduct of any anti-Semitic policy as harmful.—Reuter.

ANOTHER RAID ON CHUNGKING

The western outskirts of Chungking were bombed early yesterday afternoon by Japanese aircraft but no bombs were dropped within the city limits.—Reuter.

THEME FOR COMIC OPERA

The "New York Sun" comments: "Not many observers will pay much attention to the loud shrieks of protest arising from Vichy."

"Marshal Petain's pretence that in resisting the invasion of Syria, Vichy was striking a blow in defence of the French Empire, may some day provide an excellent theme for a comic opera."

The St. Louis "Post Despatch" says: "Whatever happens it would seem that the British have taken the only course rationally open to them and it is clear that if the British had not acted, Syria would soon have fallen to the usual sly Axis game of infiltration."

Frenchmen who cheer British bombers attacking their coastal cities are not likely to waver because of an obviously preventive incursion.

The French people still know who is fighting for their eventual prosperity, freedom and dignity."—Reuter.

PERSHING ON THE FUTURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") GENERAL PERSHING, PREDICTED A HAPPY FUTURE FOR AMERICA DESPITE THE DARK INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK WHEN HE SPOKE LAST NIGHT VIA A SPECIAL SIGNAL CORPS PHONE TO HIS CLASS OF 1882 AT A WEST POINT REUNION.

"The United States always comes out pretty good in the end," he declared.

General Pershing said a slight disposition kept him from the reunion but added: "I'll be there next time," meaning five years hence.—International News Service.

CHINESE APPEAL TO U.S.

AN APPEAL TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO PLACE AN EMBARGO ON UNITED STATES OIL SUPPLIES TO JAPAN HAS BEEN URGENTLY CABLED BY 11 CHINESE PUBLIC BODIES IN CHUNGKING.

They include the Sino-American Institute of Cultural Relations, the Sino-British Cultural Association, the Sino-Soviet Cultural Association, the Sino-Burmese Cultural Association and many others.

The appeal points out that the Chinese people, who are receiving assistance from the United States, are being bombed by Japanese aircraft propelled by American oil.—Reuter.

WELLES DENIES FIRE RUMOUR

The United States has never requested the use of Elbe, air and sea bases for delivery of supplies to Britain, declared Mr. Sumner Welles in Washington yesterday, commenting on reports quoting Irish sources that the Elbe Government had refused such a request.—Reuter.

DANIEL BEARD DEAD

The death was announced in New York yesterday of Mr. Daniel Beard, well-known author, artist, and National Commander of the Boy Scouts of America, says Reuter.

EGYPTIAN PROTEST TO ITALY

The Egyptian Minister in Washington has handed a Note to Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, for transmission to the Italian Government. The Note protests against the bombing of open towns by Italian aircraft, notably the bombing of Alexandria.—Reuter.

CRUISER TANKS FOR AUSTRALIA

A large number of cruiser tanks, of considerable fighting power, have been ordered from America by the Australian Government, said Army Minister Spender in Melbourne yesterday. Meanwhile Australia is pressing on with her own production, he added.

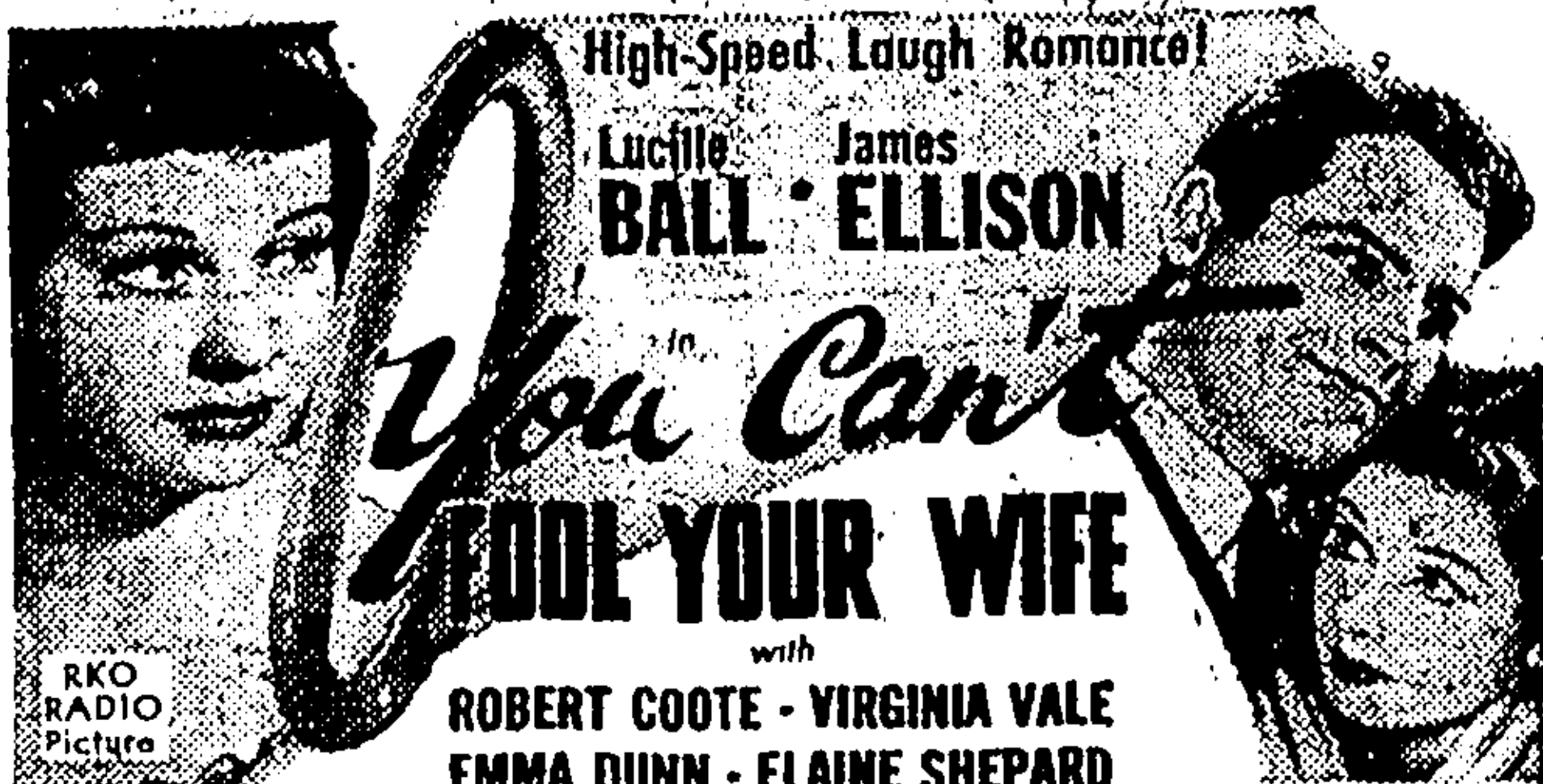
Mr. McEwen, Minister for Air, said that Australian Air Force squadrons, composed of fighters and cooperation aircraft, were "heavily reinforcing" the Australian Imperial Force and more were being formed.

Airmen, under the Empire scheme, would soon fly Hurricanes, and the latest American fighters in the Middle East, he said, and air crews were also coming for the bombers.—Reuter.

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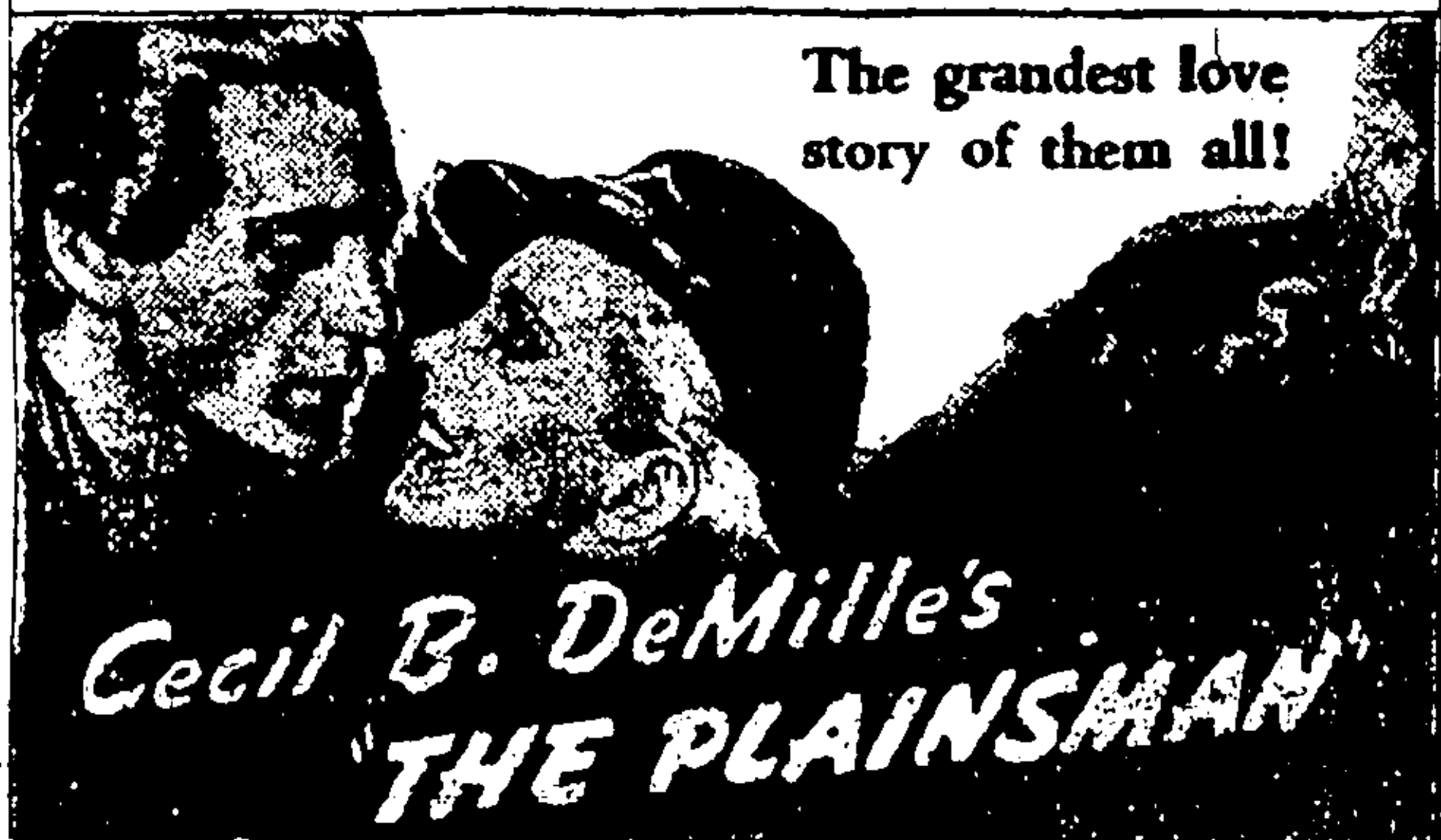
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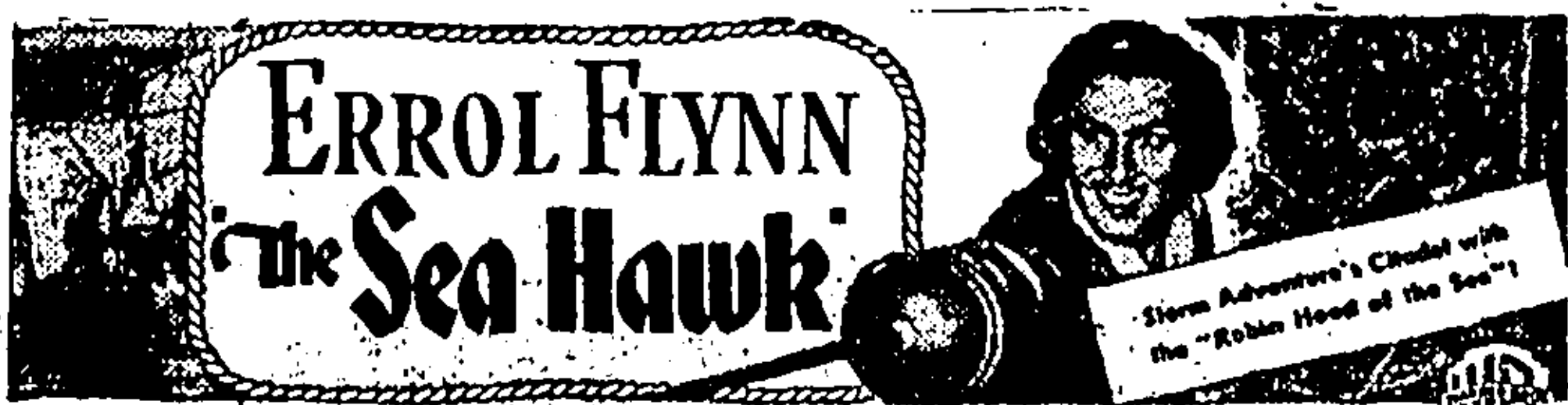


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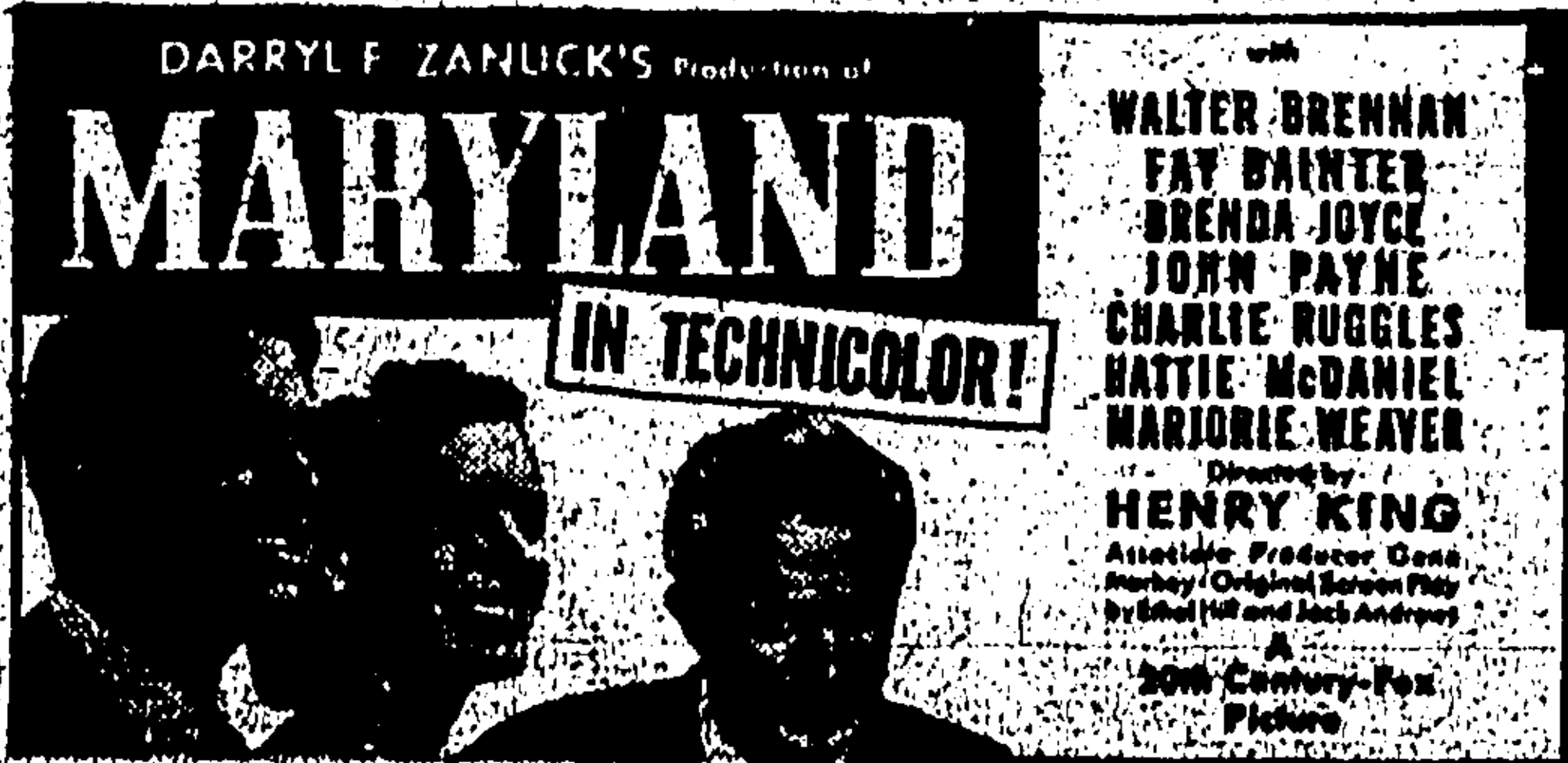
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Despite the mechanisation of the Army the horse is still in use by the service, mainly as pack-horses for the mechanised units of the Army to negotiate. Here at this remount depot, a former famous racing stable in the North, horses are trained as packhorses. Photo shows one of the horses apparently very fisky during his training. (Copyright, Fox).

FRENCH AID TO MORALE

Copies of a French comic paper recently brought to London from Paris show how this publication is doing its best to help keep up the hearts of the French.

Every drawing and every joke is a reference to the difficulties under which Parisians labour, but from none of them could one discover that there are any Germans in France. The whole aim of this comic paper seems to be to provide nothing that shall remind readers of the hated presence of the invader.

A reference, inserted to please the German censor, talks of a port on the Channel coast which is "a martyr to bombardment" by the R.A.F., but the readers know full well for whom the bombs are intended.

But each number contains a patriotic article, a story of heroism of the last year, or a glorious page of history written by the French in the days of Napoleon.

Another comic contains an extremely clever allusion to General de Gaulle but to give more details would put the Germans on the track. It was too subtle for the s'odgy Teutonic mind ever to discover.

AIRSCREW STOPPED DEAD

AFTER ATTACKING AN ME. 109 OVER THE FRENCH COAST, A SPITFIRE PILOT WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THE ENEMY'S AIRSCREW STOP DEAD.

"It was as though his engine had seized up," the pilot said later. "The Me. 109 turned on its back and dived away. I followed it down and although I could not get in another attack on the glide I managed to head it off from landing on the beach, as the pilot obviously intended to do. He came down in shallow water just off the shore."

The pilot belongs to one of the two East India fighter squadrons of the R.A.F. This was his seventh success.

MOTHER ON MURDER CHARGE

Lillian Frances Crothall, aged forty-seven, widow, of Suffolk Road, Gravesend, Kent, was remanded at Gravesend on a charge of murdering her nine-year-old son. No evidence was given.

R.A.F. NIGHT BLITZ ON RHODES

A heavy two-night blitz on aerodromes at Rhodes was carried out by the Royal Air Force while about 30 motor transport vehicles, mostly large tankers, were destroyed by R.A.F. fighters in Libya, states a Reuter message from Cairo.

LIFE FOR COMRADE

Two soldiers twice forced their way through flames to rescue visitors—including many children—trapped by fire at the Victoria Hotel, Lyme Regis.

It cost the life of one of the men, and a third soldier also died.

Sergeant Frederick Robert Holman, Royal Artillery, was the rescuer who died.

With Driver E. C. Rose he battled his way through smoke and fumes to upstairs rooms. Each man rescued two children. Safely outside, they learned that another soldier was in the building, and they dashed again into the fire.

Carried To Safety

Holman, crawling on his hands and knees, groped into the lounge. Rose searched the first floor, found another child and carried her to safety.

Later, Holman was found un-

IT WAS TOUGH ON 'ENEMY'

British infantry divisions slept two bitterly-cold nights in the open and trudged thirty miles across steep moorland on the second day in a mock battle with a "German" invasion force.

Fifty thousand troops took part.

Our forces, toughened into battle-hardness by long winter training, moved swiftly against "Germans" trying to maintain their bridgehead around an East Coast port captured in a drive against the Midlands.

The exercise gave the British troops a chance to use their newly-manufactured invasion-smashing equipment, including the accurate quick-firing 25lb. field gun and the 6in. medium.

Parachute Troops

On his side, the "enemy" used parachute troops, landing-barges, fighters and bombers. Gas was also assumed.

Peering from a plane, an observer could not see the "enemy's" positions. His forces had been "digging in" for two days and had done it well.

More obvious were long lines of armoured fighting vehicles, mechanised transport, guns and infantry on foot.

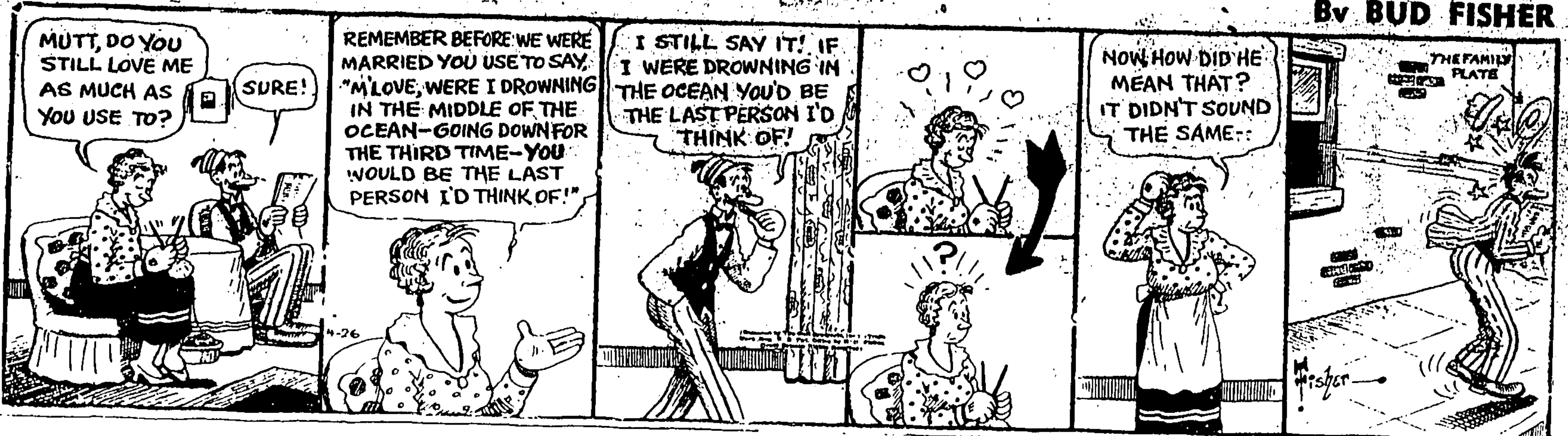
These were the British attackers—one corps strong—pushing up both flanks and in the centre.

conscious in the lounge. Close by was Bombardier J. Nowland, Royal Artillery.

Holman and Nowland died in hospital.

Mrs. M. H. Norman, proprietress, who took over the hotel in December after being bombed out of her London home, also rescued several children with the aid of Mr. H. E. Kennard, one of her guests.

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ANCIENT J.P.S MUST GO, OR BE SACKED

METHUSELAH magistrates are to be edged off the Bench.
The man who will do the shoving is the Lord Chancellor. He has introduced a Bill in the House of Lords giving him powers to deal with aged or infirm J.P.s.

This indicates that not enough ancient J.P.s have taken the hint given in 1938 and repeated only last February that they should transfer to a supplemental list, holding their office for administrative purposes only and no longer sitting on the Bench.

New Age Limit

In the past six months no J.P. has been appointed who has not agreed to being placed on the supplemental list when he becomes seventy-five.

But that has not solved the urgent problem of existing senile magistrates who cling to their official position like limpets in spite of public and official disapproval.

Britain's Juvenile Courts, where youthful benches are particularly desirable, have thirteen magistrates between eighty-five and eighty-nine and one, a man, over ninety.

Some are touchy about their age. Of the 989 Juvenile Courts in England and Wales 200 ignored a Home Office request for Justices' ages.

Only 133 magistrates were under forty, the majority being between sixty and sixty-four.

The new Bill will give the Lord Chancellor power to direct that the name of any Justice shall be entered on the supplemental list if he is satisfied that it is desirable "by reason of his age or infirmity or other like cause."

WON'T BE THERE NEXT TIME

A doctor asked a woman, aged fifty-two, air-raid victim, how she was.

"I've only a few scratches and cuts," she replied.

"Hitler can't get me. He bombed me once before and blew the roof off my house. I was downstairs this time."

"My house is now down flat and I won't be there next time he bombs it."—Story told in the "British Medical Journal."

CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN

Those also serve who do not fly, is a maxim of the Royal Air Force. But many of those whose job it is not to fly have managed to make trips over enemy territory.

During the recent operations in Greece the Wing Commander on the Operations Staff at an advanced base—a pilot of long experience in war and peace—felt restless when he sent his squadrons off to bomb the enemy. On many occasions he had issued his orders, then climbed into the observer bomb-aimer's seat in a bomber.

His big day came when, in the cockpit of a Gladiator fighter, he met and shot down in flames a Fiat G.50, one of the latest types of Italian fighters. He has also been on patrol in a Hurricane and was flying on that great day in February when twenty-seven Italian aircraft were shot down over Albania.

Other flights by R.A.F. officers, intended to work on the ground and not in the air, were made by Intelligence Officers and Medical Officers when in Greece. An elderly M.O. has made a number of flights to test the efficiency of the oxygen apparatus in high-level attacks.

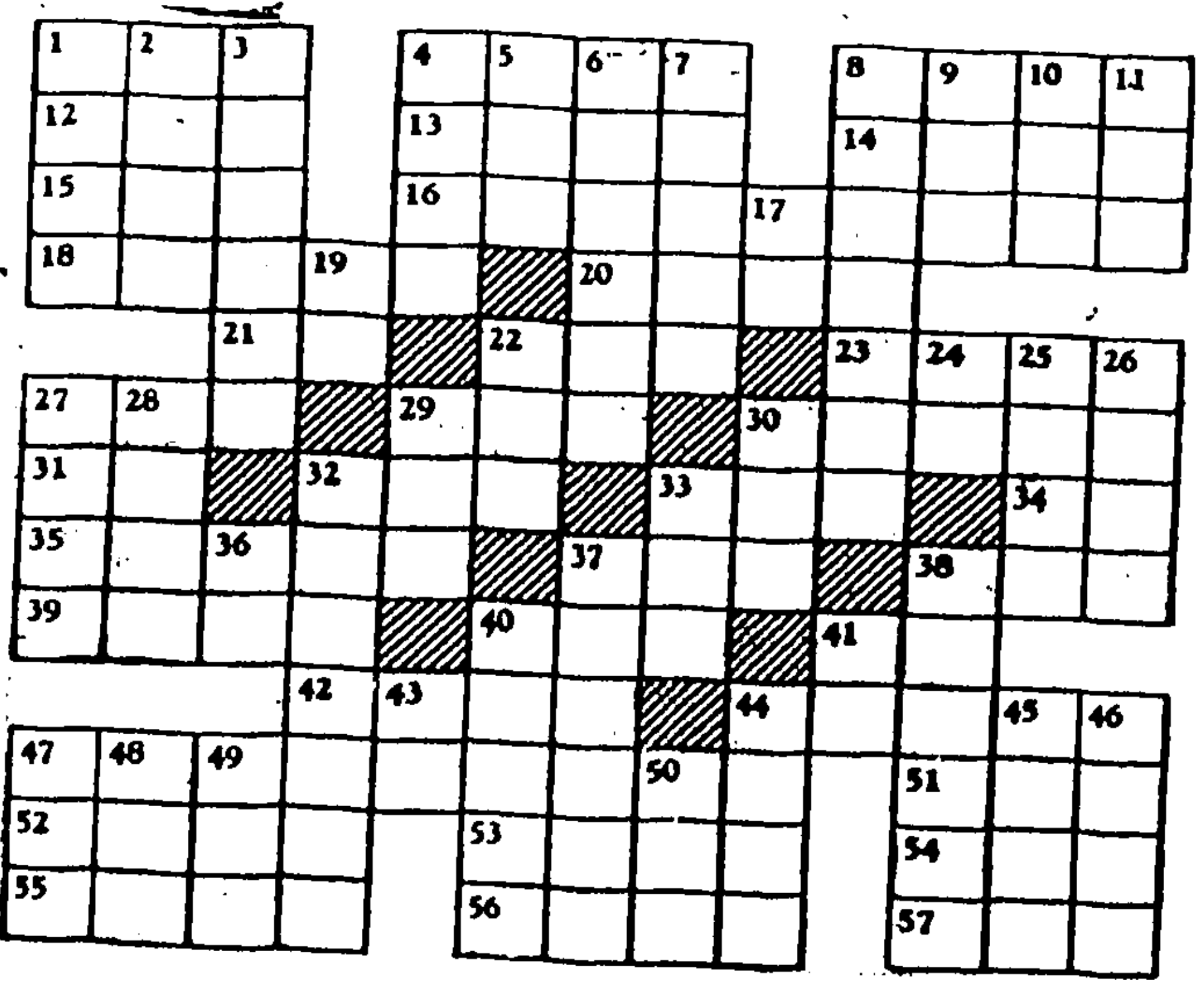
ETYMOLOGY DOUBTFUL

It is likely that this war will be responsible for the introduction of many new words to the English language. "Camouflage" and many others were readily assimilated after 1918. This time, we shall probably add more words of Arabic origin, as most of the Royal Air Force troops in the Middle East seem to be learning enough of the language to explain their wants to the natives.

The Arabic words we already have in the language, most of them with the 'al' prefix, such as alchemy, alhambra (literally "the red house"), alkali and so on, are believed to have been brought back by the Crusaders. It is interesting to note that alcohol comes from the Arabic "al + koh'l" the mineral preparation used for darkening eye-lids.

The R.A.F.'s contribution, however, is more likely to be of a lighter variety than such words as algebra and alembic. One 'erk' was heard so say to another on a desert aerodrome the other day: "Charlie! You ain't nuss a wahid!" Nuss=half; wahid=one.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Affirmative
- 4 Horse
- 6 Germinated grain
- 12 Bow
- 13 Level
- 14 To the sheltered side
- 15 Inlet
- 16 Fraud
- 18 To dig
- 20 To give forth
- 21 Roman gods
- 22 Some
- 23 God of love
- 27 Law: things
- 29 Skill
- 30 Chief
- 31 Symbol for actinium
- 32 Girl's name
- 33 Tibetan antelope
- 34 Proposition
- 35 Not verified
- 37 To hit lightly
- 38 Siamese coin
- 39 Ottoman
- 40 Church seat
- 41 Part of 'to be'
- 42 Sea in Russian
- 43 Turkish
- 44 Underground shoot

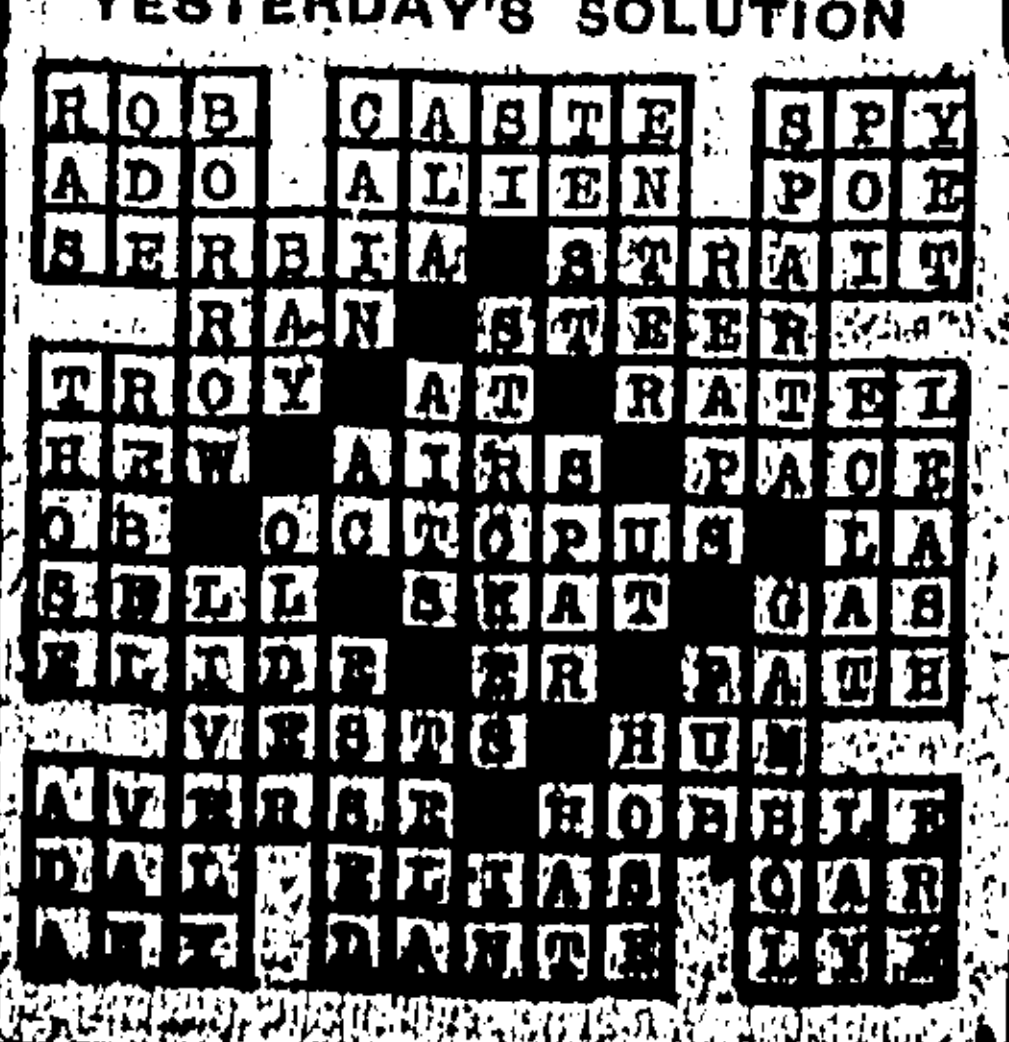
VERTICAL

- 1 Length measure
- 2 Great Lake
- 3 Burns
- 4 Ancient Asiatic
- 5 Hall!
- 6 Late formed
- 7 Foe
- 8 Is of importance

9 Moslem name

- 10 Constellation
- 11 Number
- 17 Mixed type
- 19 Six
- 22 Constellation
- 24 Japanese measure
- 25 To leave out
- 26 Transmitted
- 27 Absorbed
- 28 The colour beige
- 29 American humorist
- 30 To deposit
- 32 With disdain
- 33 Wise saying
- 36 Enure
- 37 Backgammon
- 38 Moves at an easy gait
- 40 Past one's prime
- 41 Symbol for gold
- 43 Concerning
- 44 Mountain lake
- 45 Ireland
- 46 To construct
- 47 Honey
- 48 Babylonian deity
- 49 Insect egg
- 50 Sailor

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



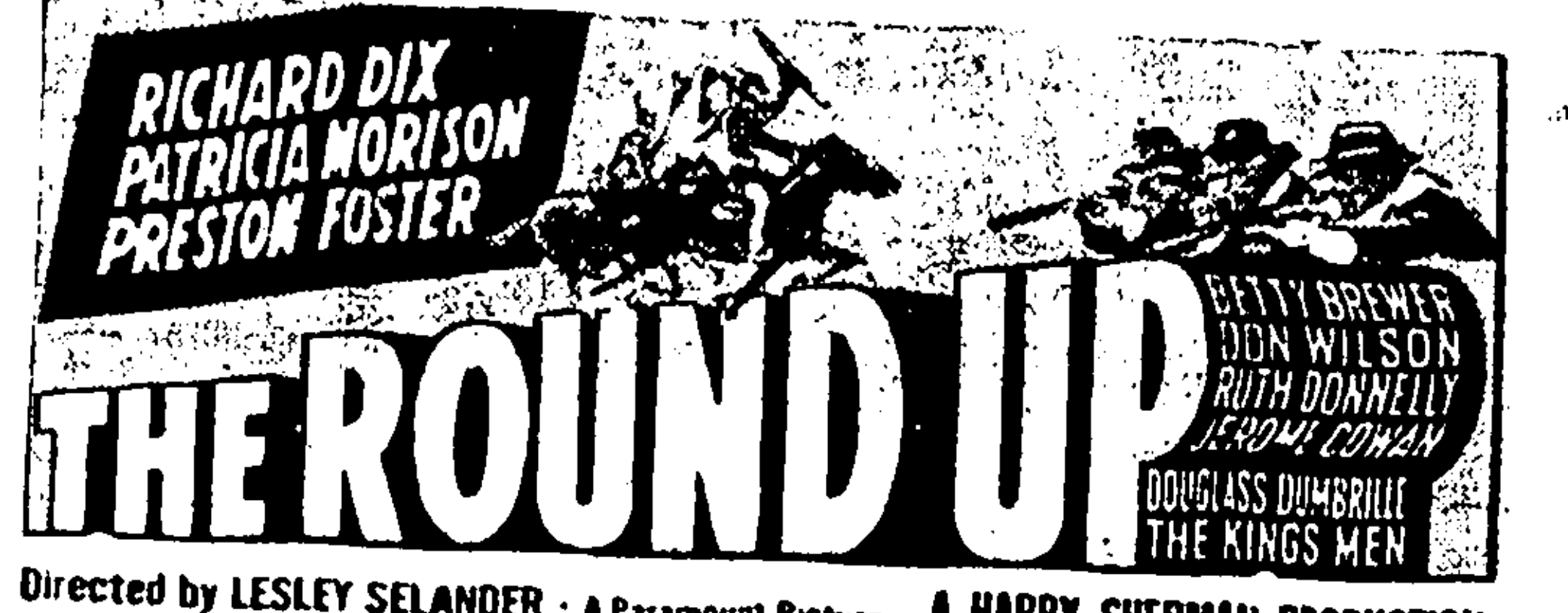
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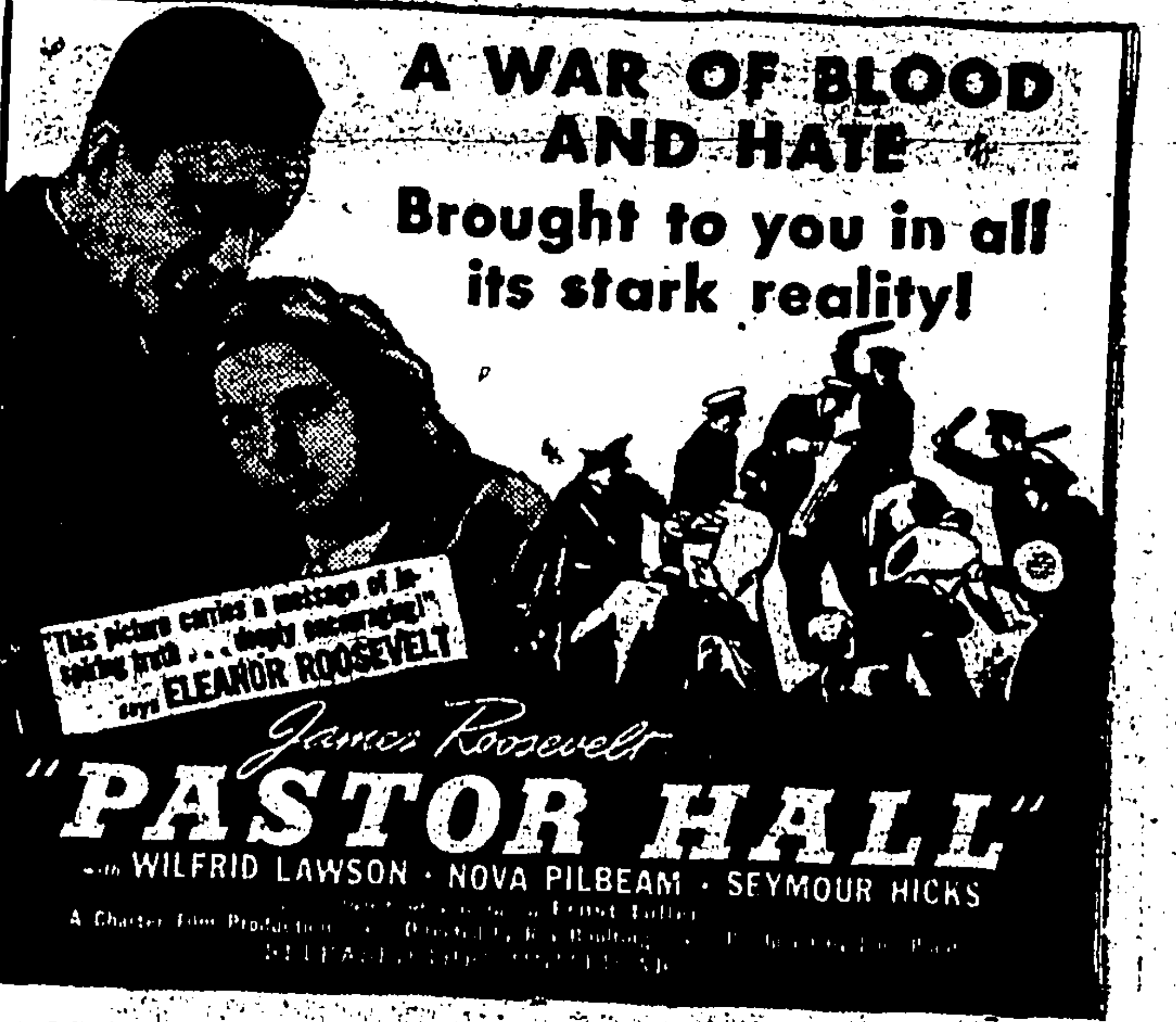
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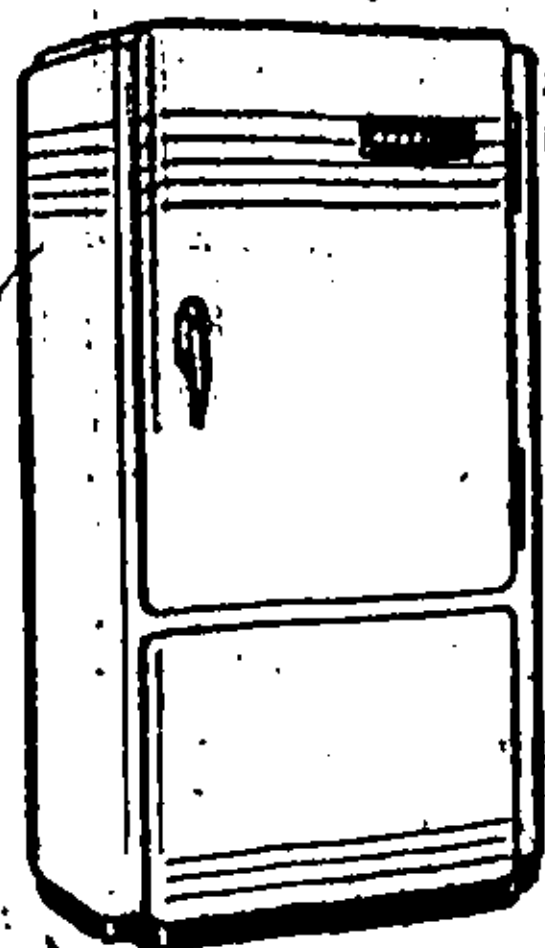
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MORE AND MORE humiliating restrictions continue to be imposed on the Jews in Germany, whose lot, severe enough before the war, is now well-nigh unbearable. If it were not for the clandestine help given them by some Germans, many would die of hunger.

If and when Jews find work it is of the most humiliating character, and then they can earn only 16s. a week instead of £3, the German worker's nominal minimum.

In Berlin Jews are not allowed to buy new shoes or even have old ones repaired. If they have business in Government offices they are obliged to carry a special identity card prominently in front of them.

They are forbidden to use refuge shelters during air raids. A Jewish woman who had just arrived here from Berlin said that the Germans were clever in disguising damage caused by the R.A.F.

Considerable Damage

"In the Tauenzienstrasse, where I lived," she said, "the damage was considerable. But I saw a party of workmen on the spot working fast to clear up the streets, board bombed buildings, and mask holes made by the bombs. Seventy hours later the damage was hardly visible to the naked eye."

A new Department of Jewish Affairs has been created by Marshal Petain to look after Jewish problems in France. This has been done under pressure from the German occupation authorities. Jews in France are now barred from journalism, medicine, and the Bar.

In the occupied territory the problem is assuming serious proportions, though there is no evidence that in Paris the Germans have gone to extremes. They have contented themselves with forcing Jewish shops to advertise their racial inferiority on the windows.

Jews are also banned from entering certain cafes.

GAMBLING DENS IN BANNED AREA

Prominent people in the sporting world, and particularly on the turf, are attending nightly "gambling dens" in Brighton, Hove and other South Coast towns.

Recently a well-known boxer lost £400 in a night. Another man lost more than £1,000. The usual game is chemin de fer.

£50 Paid For A Room

Sessions are held in private houses and clubs, and as much as £50 has been paid for the use of one room for a night.

Once an address has been used it is not visited again for some weeks. This does away with the possibility of police observation and an eventual raid.

Champagne, cigars and expensive foodstuffs are taken by car to the address where the night's play will be held.

Addresses In Area

The banning of the area to visitors after March 25 will have little or no effect.

Most of the players have addresses in the area and as these are on their identity cards they cannot be refused admission to the district.

M.P.'S EX-WIFE PAYS MORE

Money allowed to Captain Cunningham-Reid, M.P., and his children by his former wife — now Mrs. Gardner — was in dispute in the Chancery Division recently.

The settlements were upheld, with the exception that Mr. Justice Langton ordered the ex-wife to pay a third of her income for the upkeep of the children, instead of a quarter.

Mr. Justice Langton said the parties were married in 1927, and in 1938 were engaged in litigation, which excited some comment at the time and which settled their mutual financial relations.

The present case had arisen out of the marriage of Captain Cunningham-Reid to a woman of immense fortune.

It was obvious that the position of a man of very much less fortune married to a wife of such tremendous means could easily put him in an unheroic role.

Since the dissolution of the marriage, Captain Cunningham-Reid had had the custody of both children. That meant that he was now saddled with the expense of education.

In addition he was no longer the husband of his immensely wealthy wife and could not succeed to the reversion of £3,000 a year at her death.

£10,000 A Year

There were two settlements. By one of those Captain Cunningham-Reid received £5,000 a year free of tax. By the other deed Sir Felix Cassel was appointed trustee to deal with another £5,000 a year free of tax — both sums being taken from the income of the wife.

The suggestion put forward for Captain Cunningham-Reid was that the Court should take the Sir Felix Cassel Fund and apportion £3,000 a year to Captain Cunningham-Reid and £1,000 a year each to the children.

But that proposal left many very important factors out of account.

The immense increase in surtax and the immense — and still advancing — increase in income tax had made the former wife's income, which at one time looked like an immense fortune, appear to be a very moderate income judged by the standard of only a few years ago.

On his own showing, too, Captain Cunningham-Reid was not a penniless adventurer.

He had an income of £3,000 a year. That carried an obligation to his mother.

In addition, he had £20,000 in American securities.

BURNED WOMAN IN A BATH

As she smoked, Mrs. Annie Powell, of Latimer House, Harrow Road, Wembley, cleaned the bath with petrol.

A caretaker found her in the bath with the water turned on and most of her clothing burned off.

A verdict of Accidental death was recorded at the inquest at Wembley. She died a month after the accident.

BOMBED GIRLS PLUG CALLS

Two girl telephone operators crawled back to their switchboard and went on plugging calls after two bombs had hit a London area hospital during the heavy raid one Saturday night.

Doris Davis, aged 24, and Mrs. Ruby Mayell, 21, were at the switchboard when the bombs brought the building crashing about them, wrecked the walls and ceiling of the telephone room, and left them trapped.

But they switched over to their emergency lines and went on with their work until rescue workers, headed by the medical superintendent, brought them out.

Door Blown In

Miss Davis told a reporter: "We heard a bomb scream down. I shouted, 'Here it comes. Duck!' and threw myself under the table. 'I heard something fall on to the table with a terrific crash, and afterwards found it was a door which had blown off its hinges. It was practically on top of me, but I was not hurt.'"

Mrs. Mayell said that she had not time to get under the table, and was blown across the room.

A 15-years-old clerk, Kenneth Elms, who was sleeping in the strongroom, had a remarkable escape. The room was demolished, his bed shattered, and he was blown into the corridor. He was unhurt.

Five doctors operating on raid casualties narrowly escaped injury. Their sleeping quarters and recreation rooms were demolished, and so was the greater part of the administrative block.

No Casualties

The wards were untouched, and there were no casualties.

Thousands of Clydeside workers recently tramped through streets shattered by a two-night blitz to clock in on time for Sunday shifts in the shipyards.

Many walked miles to their jobs, but the vital work on Britain's ships went on with customary vigour.

Mr. Tom Johnston, Secretary for Scotland, toured the bombed areas, saw men going to war work, and women and children moving to temporary homes.

He stated: — "The way in which the women and children have accepted the catastrophe which has fallen on them is beyond praise. I have seen no tears."

HIS NIGHTLY LAMP-POST CLIMB

A caretaker was so worried about "star" lighting in the street of a town in Kent that every night he climbed a lamp-post and placed a sack over the light to hide it from aerial view, a solicitor stated at police court proceedings recently.

He was caretaker at premises adjoining those of an engineering firm which was fined £4 for allowing unscreened light's during the black-out.

SHOT GIRL: MURDER CHARGE

Miss Mary Griffiths, a young Midlands school teacher, who was found with three bullet wounds in her chest near Battle, Sussex, recently has died at Bexhill Hospital. A soldier has been charged with her murder.

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BRITISH VS. GERMAN LABOUR

Wartime control of labour in Britain frequently has faced the charge that it represents a compromise with the regimented methods of Germany. This is a shallow assessment of Britain's labour policy. It is drawn on the basis of outward manifestations—similarities in labour tendencies which exist under any war economy. But it fails to perceive decisive underlying differences in the democratic and totalitarian labour systems.

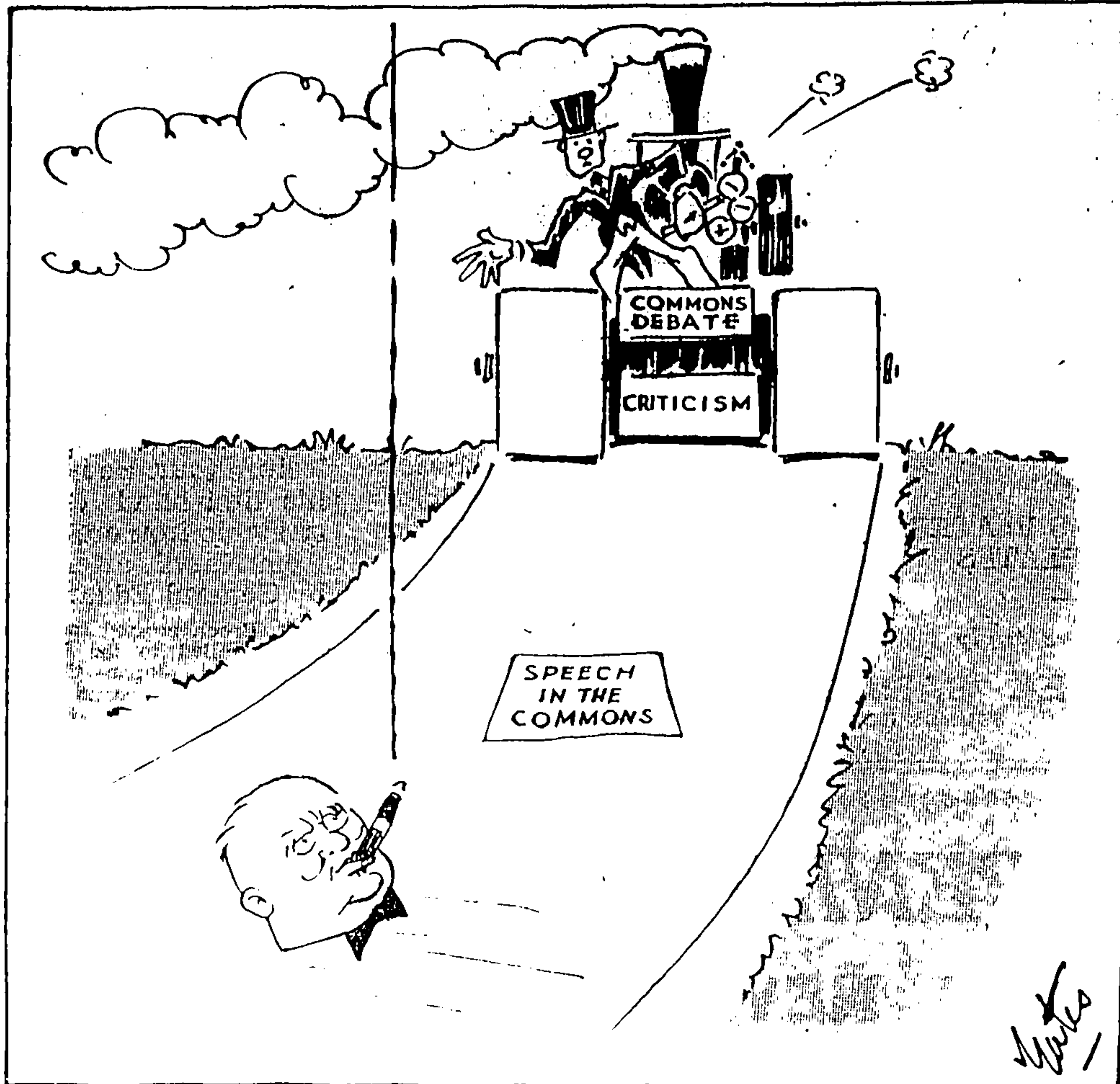
The distinction is clearly pointed out in a current International Labour Office survey which shows that ruthless subjugation of the rights of workers is a matter of permanent German policy. It was almost fully developed before war began, as a basic part of the National Socialists' internal programme.

The diametrically opposite natures of the two labour systems, however, is nowhere more clearly apparent than in their respective leaderships. When Dr Robert Ley took office in 1933 his first act was to wipe out the labour unions in Germany. Since then he has steadfastly pursued a policy which has abolished workers' rights and brought labour relations, employment policy, wages and hours of work under rigid State control. He himself carries little authority beyond that of a servant of the Nazi State. He owes his power to Herr Hitler.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, on the other hand, possesses authority to-day chiefly because he is a trusted union leader. He bears a record of long years of service, first as a dockyard union member, and later as a union leader fighting for and developing the rights of workers. He is the servant of the British people. He owes his power ultimately to British workers.

To-day Mr. Bevin is shaping government policy towards labour along the lines of a democratic heritage. If the right to strike and to bargain collectively has been placed temporarily under government supervision, and if workers have been drafted to comply with the urgent needs of industry confronted by a national crisis, it is with the cooperation of the trade unions and their workers, and not through any change in Britain's labour structure.

Through Mr. Bevin the worker has become aware of his increased stake in the Nation's struggle for freedom—whose success he is confident will insure the return of all his own rights. This is why the morale of workers in British shipyards, factories, and work shops is astonishingly high in the face of long hours, week-end work, and cancelled holidays. Workers are still free to protest and to influence the Government. It is increasingly apparent that democratic rights have not disappeared from Britain's labour ranks, but that some have been placed in trusted hands for the duration.



YOU MAY TAKE IT FROM ME.

Fire Watchers

When the system of fire-watching was introduced in London, I volunteered for duty in my suburb, and now I spend three nights a week patrolling a road on the look-out for incendiary bombs. Each road in the district has its own organisation and rota for fire-watching and the hours of duty depend on the number of volunteers. In our road the night is split up into four shifts of three hours each, and the watchers go out in twos.

My first night on duty was very dull. The warning had gone, but there was a thick mist and we heard no 'planes or gunfire at all. We walked up and down the road, making sure the black-out was perfect, and inspecting water buckets and bags of sand, and I learnt the numbers of the houses where I could find stirrup pumps and ladders and poles for poking the bombs out of gutters.

The next night, however, was much more exciting. I was just finishing my evening meal when the warning went. I snatched up my tin helmet and whistle and rushed out. It was hardly dark, and the stars shone brilliantly in a cold sky. Our road is on a hill on the northern outskirts of London and we can see right across the great city. Already there was distant gunfire and we saw starlike shells bursting in the sky towards the east. Gradually they came nearer. Till we heard the roar of the guns and the drone of enemy engines overhead. Searchlights flashed into life and swept the sky in great arcs, then concentrated in one spot, and fell apart again.



Macabre Light

Two flares dropped from an invisible 'plane hung together, like decorations on a Christmas

tree, moving slightly in the wind and gradually growing fainter. Suddenly the houses on one side of the road were silhouetted against a white glare from the ground. Incendiaries had been dropped, some miles away from us. More parachute flares and another white glare, then another, and another . . . and we knew that it was going to be a "bad night." The fire-watchers gave the alarm with their whistles and householders rushed out to deal with the bombs. But to the west, what had been a tiny pin-point of white light suddenly burst into flame and spread quickly. It

By Ursula
Heather

looked as though a timber yard had caught fire. Soon the inferno was a quarter of a mile long and we were caught in the red glare so that the whole of the street was lit up with a macabre light, and people looked like black devils.

The sky seemed full of 'planes. Shrapnel clattered down on the roofs. I settled my tin hat firmly on my head and clutched my whistle tightly. Suddenly the long drawn-out shriek of high explosive bombs. I made for somebody's front lawn, as it seemed softer to lie on than the pavement, but only got as far as the paved drive and threw myself down as the earth shook and the explosion deafened me. My tin hat fell onto my nose and bruised it. By the time I had straightened myself out there came another shriek and down I went again. Later I got more adept at this "throwing oneself flat," held my helmet firmly on my head and only bruised my knees every other time.



Machine-Guns Stutter

The fire was still raging and 'planes droned round and round pouring high explosive bombs into

it. Fire-engine bells and ambulance hooters were clamouring, and through it all the stutter of machine-guns firing tracer bullets at the flares. We climbed to the top of the hill. I shall never forget the sight that met our eyes. To the west the huge fire bathed sky and earth in its lurid glare, while to the east freshly dropped incendiaries lit the city with a white-blue glare, staining the sky a deep blue, in sharp contrast to the red. The stars were outshone by the bursting shells, the streams of red tracer bullets and clusters of parachute flares, hanging like onions on a string in groups of as many as fifteen. Gun flashes showed us a network of smoke trails left by the 'planes, like a huge cobweb.

As we watched, there was a sudden rushing sound, and thousands of incendiaries fell across the city in long lines. It seemed as though the rushing would never end as the white glares came nearer and nearer. A tin-hatted Home Guard shook his fist at the sky and shouted, "Swine!" I clutched my whistle tighter. They were explosive incendiaries and shot up thousands of little stars, sounding like machine-guns as they exploded one after the other. At last the rushing sound stopped and, compared with it, the noise of the guns seemed like silence. The last white glare had sprung up in the road below ours, at the foot of the hill. Far away in the red distance to the west it looked as if all the lights of London had been turned on, where groups of incendiaries showed like pin-points of white light.



Proved Their Worth

Within a quarter of an hour all the incendiaries had been put out and the white glare had died down. The fire, too, was under control by this time and was considerably smaller. My spell of duty was over and, after making sure that the next shift was out, I went home. As I took the cup of tea that was waiting for me, I realised that I was still clutching the whistle in my left hand, ready to blow! I had done nothing spectacular, but I was glad I had been out with a job to do, and I knew that hundreds of watchers must have proved their worth that night.

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Mayor Of Narvik Makes His Escape

HE 'DOOTS' THOSE FIRES

"You and I have much in common," a Scottish Unitarian minister told officials of the Fire Brigades Union.

"We both try to save people from fires but yours are real, and I am afraid there are the gravest 'doots' about mine!"

COLONEL O. BROCH, a member of the Norwegian Military Mission in London, related recently that he received a letter from his son, Mr. Theodor Broch, the former Mayor of Narvik.

The letter was postmarked Chicago. Mr. Broch had reached the Middle West in the course of a lecture tour. He is describing to American audiences his first-hand experience of the battle for the strategic iron ore port and his own dramatic escape from Narvik after he had been sentenced to death by General Eduard Dietl.

Mr. Broch crossed into Sweden and travelled to the U.S.A. via Russia and Japan—three-quarters of the way round the globe.

Around The World

The Mayor of Narvik was obliged to leave his wife and

three-years-old daughter in Norway. But they have since succeeded in escaping.

Mrs. Broch courageously determined to undertake a similar world tour to rejoin her husband, although she had no escort. She took her little girl through Sweden, Russia and Siberia to Vladivostok, and has now reached Japan.

She hopes to cross the Pacific in time to hear the last of Mr. Broch's one hundred lectures.

Condemned To Death

During the first German occupation of Narvik the mayor made an unsuccessful attempt to seize control of the telephone and telegraph system. He was condemned to face a firing squad, but was reprieved through the intercession of the town council.

He stayed at his post and had the satisfaction of welcoming the Allied expeditionary force. When the evacuation of Narvik followed, Mr. Broch fled down the coast and set to work reorganising the townspeople, who had been scattered among the islands and fjords.

Dash For Freedom

The mayor was caught by the Nazis in Harstad. Knowing that there would be no second reprieve, he made a dash for freedom and smuggled his family aboard a fishing boat. They landed farther down the coast, where Mr. Broch found a Lapp boy to guide him across the mountains to Sweden. They travelled without skis or snowshoes through waist-deep snowdrifts and across mountain torrents for two days and nights in bitter weather.

Grouse For A "Corpse"

Some day a British consular official who was stationed in Narvik will have an equally adventurous story to tell. He is Captain G. L. D. Gibbs, D.S.O., R.N.

Captain Gibbs was a commander in the last war and retired in 1927. He became consular shipping adviser in Narvik, and took refuge in the mountains when the Nazis entered the town.

Later the Mayor brought Captain Gibbs back to Narvik disguised as a corpse, and concealed him in a vacant house next door to where some German officers were billeted. One night Mr. Broch and Captain Gibbs dined off white grouse which had been intercepted on its way to the table of General Dietl.

Captain Gibbs left Narvik during the Allied occupation, and is now serving in the Navy again.

TEACHERS' CALL-UP DEFERRED

The "reserved age" for teachers has been raised from thirty to thirty-five, but the Government has decided to make certain concessions to minimise interference with the work of schools.

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Henry F. Grady On "Controlled" International Trade

ONE OF America's most powerful weapons in her struggle to aid the democracies and at the same time build up her own National Defence is the Government's policy of "controlled" international trade, according to Henry F. Grady, President of American President Lines, who addressed the Women's Auxiliary of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Taking as his subject "The Relationship of International Trade to National Defence," Mr. Grady said:

"The changing pattern of international relations is having a profound influence not only on the volume and direction of American foreign trade but on Governmental activities relating to foreign trade. It may be said that the emphasis has, for the present, shifted from promotion of foreign trade through regular commercial channels to control of that trade in the interest of our defence.

Primary Question

"The primary question now is not whether we can maintain or expand our international commercial relations on a normal basis, but rather what exports should be encouraged in order to build up our defences against aggression. Or to put it another way, all our foreign trade has of necessity become an integral part of the Government's policy of aiding to the utmost those countries who are resisting the ruthless aggression of Germany, Italy and Japan, and at the same time preparing to defend itself if necessary."

Mr. Grady went on to say, however, that the shift in emphasis from promotion to control should by no means be considered a change in the basic objectives of American commercial policy, adding:

"Our present commercial policy, as embodied in the trade-agreements programme, serves to foster democratic economic relations among nations; first, by means of reciprocal reductions in import barriers, which provide internationally greater freedom of access to world markets and world supplies of raw materials necessary to the fullest development of national prosperity; and, second, by provision for most-favoured-nation treatment, which provides for equality of opportunity in international trade."

Emergency Needs

Explaining some of the steps taken to "control" U.S. foreign trade, Mr. Grady told how, under the direction of the U.S. Maritime Commission, ships of American registry and a number of foreign flag vessels taken over at American ports, are being employed to meet the needs of the emergency, to best serve the interests of National Defence and aid to the democracies.

"It has become necessary," he continued, "to withdraw a considerable number of vessels from their usual peace-time runs and place them in trade routes where they can augment the services engaged in transporting strategic raw materials to America. By this method we are creating enormous stockpiles of essential materials needed for National Defence and for manufacture into products for the democracies. Other vessels are being diverted to courses over which it is hoped we may be able to serve the democracies more directly, and still others are being transferred outright to British registry."

"American steamship companies are showing a splendid spirit of cooperation in working out these difficult problems with the Maritime Commission."

Rigid control over export licences, Mr. Grady concluded, is another method by which the Government is using the weapon of "controlled foreign commerce" in the interest of National Defence, and as a check against the aggressor nations by denying them, insofar as possible, American materials that may be used in waging war.

ANOTHER KIND OF PARTY

A Spitfire squadron leader who won the D.F.C. some time ago was the guest of a "crack" Messerschmidt squadron before the war.

"At the start of the evening they were all very charming," he said the other day. "They did the honours to an R.A.F. officer in super style. The room was beautifully furnished, and the food and wines were excellent."

"We toasted each other during the evening, and it suddenly struck me that they were trying to get me 'light.' That suspicion kept me sober, and gradually I saw a change come over those Luftwaffe fighter boys. As the drink took effect they became more noisy and increasingly aggressive."

"Finally one of them said to me: 'You think your Hurricanes are good, don't you? Well, wait till you meet our Messerschmidts! We'll shoot you out of the sky like flies!'"

"They were obviously spoiling for a war then. I tried to be polite and agree with them in the way one does. The next morning they took me to their aerodrome and showed me some of their tricks in the air. They were good, but not good enough for Hendon."

"Two years later we were in the thick of the Battle of Britain. First I was on Hurricanes and then Spitfires. And whenever I shot down an Me.109 I remembered that party and wondered if the pilot had sat with me that night."

HOUSES BUILT LIKE PYRAMIDS

New architecture, with elevated pavements to carry pedestrians over traffic and taller buildings to give more light and air, will be among post-war developments, according to a London woman astrologer.

Mrs. A. S. Hurten told the Astrological Convention at Harrogate recently: "We shall see houses and buildings built in the form of pyramids or tiered. 'Slum dwellers' will be rehoused in blocks of flats with communal feeding and laundry. Women will play a large part in the replanning of our cities."

PREMIER GOT ON LORRY

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Winston Churchill climbed on to a lorry at Swansea recently when in the interest of National Defence, and as a check against the aggressor nations by denying them, insofar as possible, American materials that may be used in waging war.

£500 JEWELS IN SOCK

In a sock belonging to James McKay, police found nearly all the £500 worth of jewellery which the owner kept in a chocolate box under her pillow.

At Marylebone police court McKay was sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing the jewellery from the hotel in Craven Hill-gardens, W., where he was employed.

LEAFLETS HERALD BRITISH MOVE

Thousands of leaflets have been dropped at Haugesund, Stavanger, Kristiansand and numerous villages on the Norwegian coast, states a message from Oslo via Zurich, Switzerland.

The German military authorities state that the leaflets were dropped by the R.A.F. and prove that Britain contemplates large offensive operations.

The German High Command has therefore been forced to declare the whole of West Norway a war zone, with all the unavoidable and deplorable consequences to the civil population who are now under German military order.

SUNDAY HERO

The Lord's Day Observance Society is arranging a thanksgiving meeting "for the historic victory against Sunday theatres and music-halls."

It will be led by Mr. Thomas Magnay, M.P., who led the Parliamentary opposition to Sunday opening and is announced as "the Sunday defence hero of Westminster."

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Notice To Shareholders

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4307	Chatham Road between San Lau Street and Pak Hung Street	As per sale plan	About 41,275	\$758	\$30,956

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$3,096.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4309	Junction of Ha Heung Road and Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	As per sale plan	About 4,960	\$92	\$1,720

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$372.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2856	Un Chau Street between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2834 and 2825, Cheung Sha Wan.	As per sale plan	About 6,685	\$82	\$4,011

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Numbers of requests have been received from the United States from young Americans who want to fight side by side with the Free French. Some of them have fine old French names handed down from the days of Louis XV when the French were on the Mississippi.

During the last war, a descendant of Champollion, who deciphered the hieroglyphics of the Rosetta stone, came from the United States to fight for France, the country of his famous ancestor. He fell fighting for France.

HER WEDDING CAKE TO BUY ARMS

A bride-to-be had her banns called, the invitations sent out, and the three-tier wedding cake made. Then her sweetheart, a soldier, was taken prisoner. That was last year. Now she has given her wedding cake to help raise money for arms for Britain.

The organisers of a Norfolk war weapons week are offering it as first prize in a competition. Ruby Beck, of Brancaster, is the girl. Her sweetheart is Private Sidney George Roper, of Thornham.



Globe-fisted Gaby says its pinching the angles that gives her a real thrill.

BRIDGE NOTES

A WEIRD NOTION By The Four Aces

"Why did you drop me?" complained South after the play of 10-days hand. "There was game at either spades or hearts, but we played it for only a part score."

This was the hand:

West, Dealer	North-South vulnerable	NORTH	EAST
		♠ A K 9 8 2	♠ J 6 4
		♥ 10 6 3	♥ 9 5 2
		♦ Q 10 8 3	♦ K 4
		♣ 10	♣ 9 8 6 5 2
WEST	EAST	SOUTH	
♥ Q 3	♠ J 6 4	♠ 10 7 6	
♦ K 7 4	♥ 9 5 2	♥ A Q J 8	
♦ 7 6 2	♦ K 4	♦ A J 9 5	
♠ A K J 7 3	♣ 9 8 6 5 2	♣ Q 4	

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

"Why didn't you raise my spades?" North wanted to know. "My heart bid," South said, in all seriousness, "showed spade support. I wanted you to go on with the bidding."

North sighed, but said nothing. South's statement that the heart bid showed spade support betrayed as weird a notion of bidding practice as we have seen in many a day.

North's vulnerable overcall in spades showed a strong five-card suit at the very least. Since South held three spades, he knew that a good trump suit was available. Why, therefore, confuse the issue by introducing another suit?

After all, if North is to play the hand at spades, he doesn't have to know during the bidding where his partner's values are; he will see them when the dummy goes down. The only sound reason for bidding the hearts is to deny — not confirm — support for spades. That's why North passed at two hearts; if South had no fit for spades, game was unlikely.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 7 5 3
♥ J 8
♦ A 6 3
♣ J 9 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maler
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one spade. This is such a normal one-over-one response that no other bid should seriously occur to you.

Score 100% for one spade, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 740

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maler
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (ANSWER tomorrow.)

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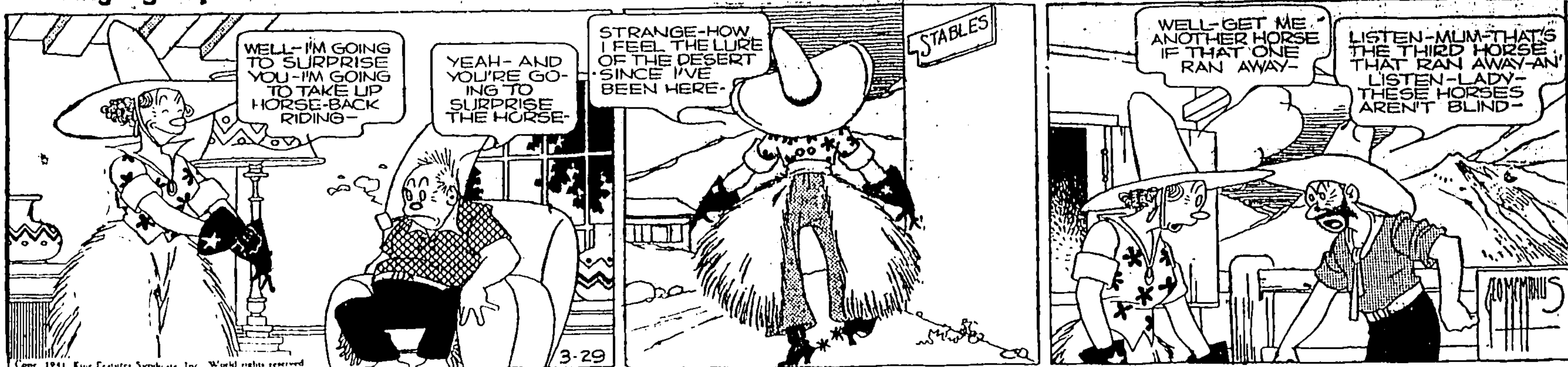
PROFITEERING IN HOME STORAGE

Legislation to give the Board of Trade power to deal with, among other things, the charges for certain services, including furniture storage, was forecast in the House of Commons recently by the Assistant Postmaster-General.

Sir William Davison said some of these charges were regarded as profiteering and he asked if any additional expenditure was falling on owners of repositories to justify the increases. The reply was that there was some increased expenditure but there were other causes as well.

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Proper Desk Height Essential To Good Posture & Body Comfort

Twenty years ago a woman wrote to one of the woman's magazines explaining that her kitchen sink was too low so she put a box under her dishpan and thus prevented back-aches. This letter awakened the kitchen equipment people to the fact that for generations women had been working at sinks, stoves and tables which were the wrong height, and that resulted in a kitchen revolution with all working surfaces raised higher.



DESK COMFORT ENDS "BUSINESS GIRL NERVES." The low desk creates a more relaxed working position resulting in less fatigue at the end of the day

Business women have suffered just as long as they have been working at desks that are too high for comfort and health, and they probably would have gone on wondering why their backs ached and their nerves were jangling, if an enterprising manufacturer hadn't taken a hint from the kitchen revolution. He designed a low 29-inch desk which seems to lessen office-slaves fatigue!

Rules For Office Girls

To assure good posture while working here are a few working rules to follow. Try the 29-inch height for your desk; have the seat of your chair 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the floor; sit so that the lower part of your spine touches the chair with your abdomen in, head up, back straight and both feet flat on the floor. This is the correct position for typing too, at your typewriter table.

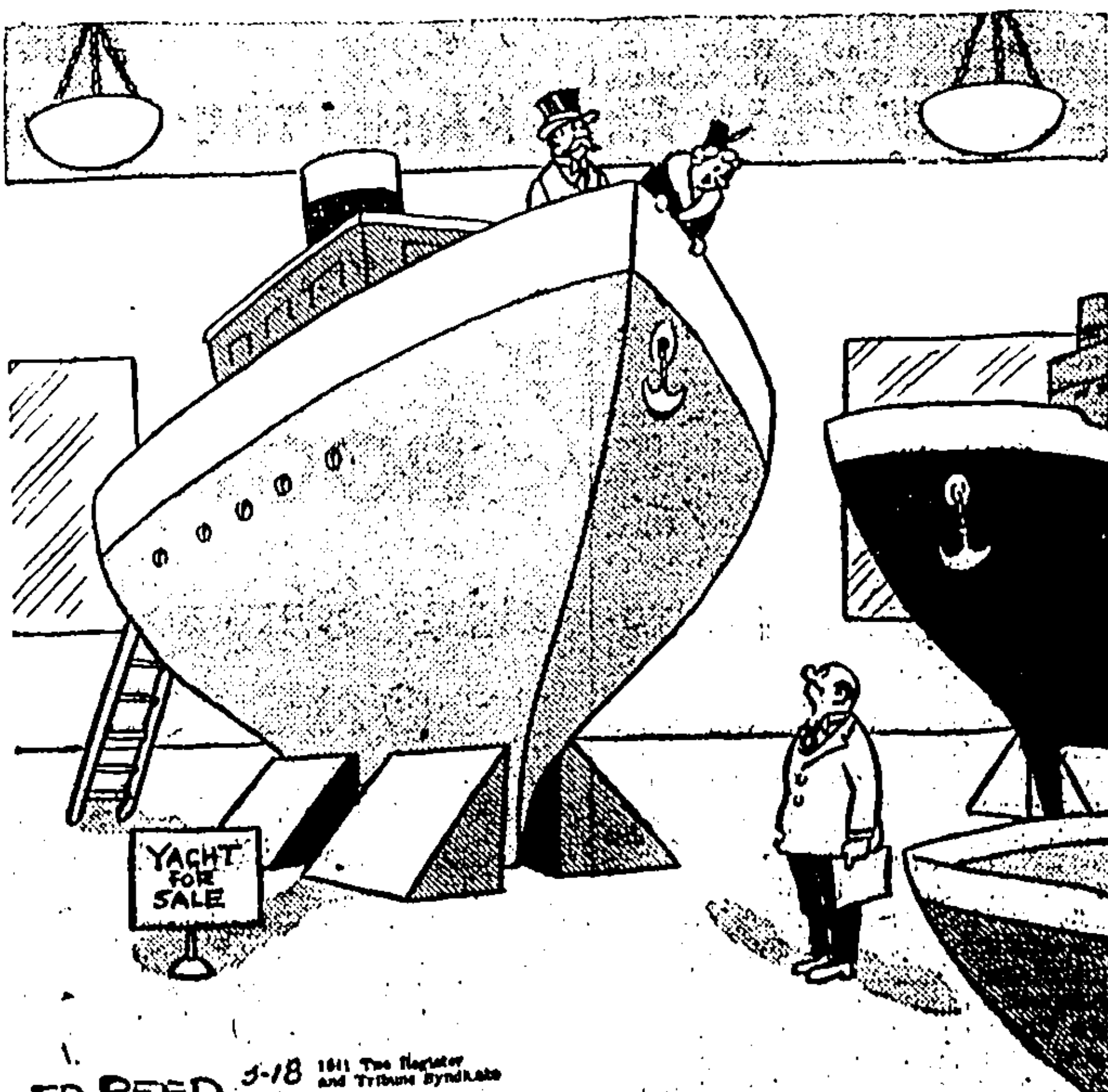


Doctors claim that nervous fatigue is often the result of eye-strain. With a too-high desk you naturally shove what you are reading a short distance away in order to get a better focus. But then you are looking at it slant-wise and through an annoying glare. If your desk is the proper height for you, you look directly down at your work and eliminate considerable eye strain. Then consider writing. Put

your arms on the desk to write. It pays to prevent fatigue so and you automatically hunch one shoulder. Continue to write and pretty soon the shoulder begins to get tired and cramped. This fatigue can be avoided if you write on a pull-out shelf which modern desks have — usually on the right hand side. This shelf is an inch or so lower than the top of the desk and that inch makes all the difference in the world. He gets his reward in greater efficiency.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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'Could you rock her a little? I want to see how she feels when the sea is rough.'

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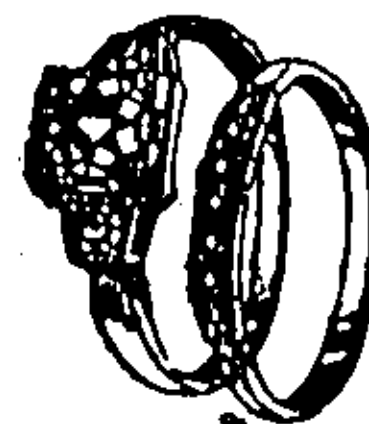
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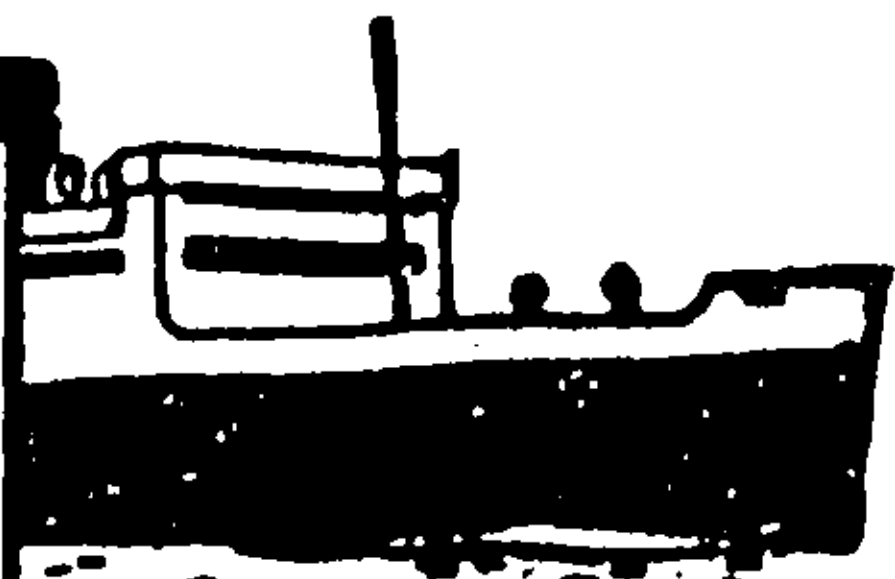
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"Songs of the Sea" (Stanford)—Drake's Drum; Outward Bound... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Male Chorus and Orchestra.
Songs of Scotland—Intro: Bonnie Dundee; A Highland Lad; Duncan Gray; The Hundred Pipers; Corn Rigs are Bonnie; Hey Johnnie Cope; Two Bonnie Maidens; Pibroch of Donull Dhu; Charlie is my Darling; There was a Lad; John Grumlie; The Dell's Awa Wi' the Excelsman; My Love She's But a Lassie Yet... The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
When the Sergeant Major's On Parade (Longstaffe)... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
Fantasia "Our Homeland" (arr. Windram)—Intro: Hoarts of Oak; John Peel; A Hundred Pipers; Garry Owen; Londonderry Air; Loudly Proclaim: Fame and Glory—Grand March (arr. Godfrey)... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—Sea Shanties and Accordeon Bands.
Old Ship O' Mine (Pelosi-Arden)... Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with Vocal.
Sea Shanties—Intro: What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor?; Shenandoah; Blow the Man Down; Bound for the Rio Grande; Whisky Johnny; Fire Down Below; Hullabaloo-Balay; Billy Boy... Geraldo & his Accordeon Band and Male Chorus.
The White Cliffs of Dover (Leon & Towers)... London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.
Shipmates O' Mine—Descriptive Ballad—Intro: The Spanish Main; Drake goes West; Sea Shanty; The Battle; Glory of the Sea; Hymn for Sailors; Finale... Debroy Somers Band with Norman Allin, Raymond Newell and Chorus.
All Ashore (Hill)... The London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Arensky—Trio in D Minor, Op. 32.
Allegro moderato—Scherzo—Elegia—Finale... Eileen Joyce (Piano), Henri Temianka (Violin) and Antoni Sala (Cello).
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Stop! It's Wonderful; Vol Vistu Gally Star... Tommy Dorsey & his Clambake Seven.
Tangos—Carnaval De Mi Barrio; Vilja Amiga... Mercedes Simone & her Tipica Trio.
Swing Fox-Trots—Rose Room; Villa... Artie Shaw & his Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—You Never Miss The Old Faces; Quickstep—It's a Lovely Day To-morrow... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
7.30 p.m.—A Programme of English Variety Artists.
Vocal—Sing Gipsy Sing (Winn-Marlen); Thirty Thirsty Throats (Nesbitt Bros.)... Anona Winn with Orchestra.
Organ—Tunes of the Times—Intro: Our Love Affair; Now I lay me down to Dream; All over the place; There'll come another Day; All the things you are; Bless 'em all... Reginald Foot.
Comedian—Vic Oliver Joins the Army; The Army Joins Vic Oliver... Vic Oliver (Recorded at a Special Concert for the Forces).
Organ—Reminiscences of the Gaiety Theatre—The Last Waltz (O. Strauss); What do you do Sunday, Mary? (Jones); The Only Way (Rubens); Soldiers in the Park (Monckton); Queen of my Heart (Celler); Yip, I Addy (Flynn)... Reginald Foot.
Vocal—He Was A Gentleman's Gentleman (Carr)... Michael Carr with Piano accomp.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
8.02 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.
Songs Everybody Is Singing—Intro: Live, laugh and love; By the fire-side; He played his Ukulele; One more kiss; Somebody loves you; Dick Turpin's Ride to York; What makes you so adorable; Back again to happy-go-lucky days.
"Happy Memories"—Selection—Intro: Able my boy; I don't care; Ninette; Ninon; Do I, yes I do; There you are then; Fill 'em up; I want some money; Able my boy... with Vocal Refrain.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 p.m.—"Marching to Victory". A programme of War songs from the Empire recorded in Britain.
8.52 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
Britelodia (Selection of British Melodies—Humphries)... New Mayfair Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.15 p.m.—Compositions of Elgar.
Froissart Overture, Op. 19... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.
Speak Music!... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano.
Serenade in E Minor for Strings, Op. 20—1st Mov: Allegro piacevole; 2nd Mov: Larghetto; 3rd Mov: Allegretto—Come prima... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Songs by Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) and Evan Williams (Tenor).
O. Dry, Three Years (arr. Rago), My

HUN KILLS BRIDE—'IS PLANE BURNT?'

WHEN A German bomber crashed on two houses in a West Midlands town one night, one of the six people killed was a girl of twenty-five.

But the first thought of the German pilot—he wore the Iron Cross—was for his bomber.

"How is my machine? Has it been burnt?" he asked in English when a fireman captured him.

The bride-to-be who died was Doreen Hansen.

"She had invited me to see the wedding gowns to-day," a neighbour told a reporter. "Her father was coming from Nottingham to see her this weekend. Her mother was killed."

Provost's Hospital

Coventry and Birmingham were the chief targets of widespread attacks, in which at least ten enemy planes were shot down.

This brought the total to thirty-eight in four nights.

While Nazi bombers pounded Coventry, Mrs. Howard, wife of the Rev. H. T. Howard, Archdeacon and Provost of Coventry, and her three young daughters turned their Provost House in the city into a casualty station.

The people are so determined to remain in their city that to-day temporary bakers' shops were selling bread from tables and chairs in the roadway. Many big shops and city buildings were completely destroyed.

Dear Soul (Byron-Sanderson)... Muriel Brunskill with Organ Violin Obligato.
An Old Welsh Song; Adieu to dear Cambria... Evan Williams (Tenor) with Orchestra (In Welsh).
Sink, Red Sun (Coleridge & del Riego)... Muriel Brunskill with Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

10.15 p.m.—John Ireland—Sonata for Cello and Piano, 1st Mov: Moderato e sostenuto; 2nd Mov: Poco largamente; 3rd Mov: Con moto e marcato... Antoni Sala (Cello) and John Ireland (Piano).

10.38 p.m.—An Eric Coates Programme. Summer Afternoon—Idyll... Eric Coates and Symphony Orchestra.
I Heard You Singing... Alfred Piccaver (Tenor) with Piano accomp.
Cinderella—A Phantasy... Eric Coates and Symphony Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

A BOULDER HIS PULPIT

Women wept as with bowed heads they stood one night in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral and prayed.

In drizzling rain, the Very Rev. R. T. Howard, Archdeacon and Provost of Coventry, stood on a huge boulder for his pulpit.

Police and A.F.S. men who had had not slept for three days were among the little congregation of men, women and children, most of whom had lost their homes.

A cross made from burnt wood of the ruins stood over the improvised altar silhouetted against the sky. A Salvation Army band played.

"Surely this is the strangest gathering that Coventry has ever seen in its history," said the Archdeacon.

"It would be strange even if the Cathedral were standing after all we have been through in these last few months.

Love Will Win

"But these ruins are full of a strange power. It does not matter when we die. It only matters how we die."

With uplifted arms, the Archdeacon turned to the burnt cross and said: "It is not easy to suffer. It is very easy to run away. And it is easy to hate."

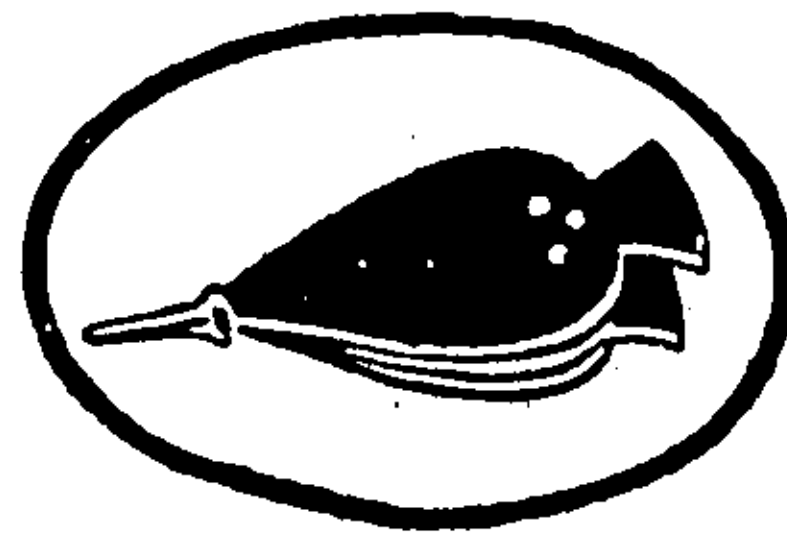
"How can we understand all this? The greatest power is that you have someone who loves you. If you know that God loves you, you can stand up to anything."

Daylight dwindled as the last hymn was sung and the congregation filed through the ruins.

But as for centuries past, the custodian of the cathedral bolted the big cathedral door and locked it for the night.

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3 BRIDES: ONE AWAITS HER LOVER

A triple wedding between three sisters and their sweethearts in the Forces was planned a year ago to take place recently.

The sisters and two soldier bridegrooms waited anxiously for the third man—twenty-four-year-old Leslie White, a sailor—at the brides' home in Walton Road Rye Park near Huddesdon, Herts.

Leslie was promised leave to marry twenty-four-year-old Violet Ball, but he is at sea. Violet has not heard from him for a fortnight.

"I'm afraid it will only be a double wedding," said Violet—but she is not giving up hope that her sweetheart may arrive in time.

Her wedding clothes are laid out ready and her bridesmaid will be waiting, too, until the sisters leave with their bridesmaids for the church.

"Leslie might come at the last minute," explained twenty-one-year-old Phyllis, who is marrying Lance-Corporal Harry Grover, of the Hants Regiment.

Twenty-two-year-old Daphne has designed green taffeta forage caps to match the dresses of her two bridesmaids and decorated them with the regimental badge of her husband, Private Stanley Hackett, of the Royal West Kent Regiment.

Her sisters suggested that Violet should be a bridesmaid if she is not a bride. "But I couldn't bear that," she said. "I must wait for Leslie."

B.B.C. FADED THIS JOKE

Clarkson Rose, the comedian, was faded out from the Happydrome programme in the Forces broadcast one night.

He had just begun to tell a story about a Nazi soldier when his voice faded.

"The broadcast in question temporarily differed from the agreed script, and was consequently faded," the B.B.C. told a reporter.

Listeners heard Mr. Rose get as far as: "Two Nazi soldiers met at the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris and one said to the other: 'What are you doing up here...?'"

Here's the rest of the story. "The other soldier replied: 'Oh, I've got the easiest job of the war.'"

"What's that?" asked the first soldier.

"Sitting up here watching the British coast for a sign of surrender—it's a job for life."

2 WARDENS REINSTATED

Two air raid wardens, suspended for criticising rescue work, were reinstated after an inquiry at Brighton recently.

They are Mr. W. M. Mather, a divisional warden, and Mr. Percy Carter. They have resumed work.

They had complained because rescue work at one of four houses wrecked in an air raid was suspended during a night.

Mrs. Violet Wallis, forty-three, and her daughter, Jean, six, were rescued after being buried by wreckage for fifty-eight hours. Three other children of Mrs. Wallis were killed.

An official statement issued after the inquiry said that the rescue was allocated credit on those engaged in it.



ON GUARD—A striking picture of a member of the Balloon Barrage Unit on guard, showing barrage balloon in background. (Copyright, Fox).

NEW ZEALAND SQUADRON READY FOR ACTION

THE FIRST ALL New Zealand fighter squadron to be formed in England under the Empire Training Scheme has now completed its operational training and will shortly be moved to a "front-line" station. The pilots will fly Spitfires bought by funds publicly subscribed in their native country.

With the exception of the squadron commander and the two flight commanders, who were in the R.A.F. before the war, they are all R.N.Z.A.F. men. Their average age is 22, although one of the sergeant-pilots is a "veteran" of 30!

The 24-year old squadron commander, a native of Dannevirke, is a product of Wanganui Collegiate School, where he was "capped" for cricket and football, and learned to fly at the Dannevirke Club, Hawke's Bay. In 1935, he worked his way to England as a ship's writer at a shilling a day to join the R.A.F. A fighter pilot of great experience, he has served with Fighter Command's famous Burma Hurricane squadron. For a time he was a flight commander in a Czech fighter squadron which he left to take up the command he now holds.

The squadron's two flight commanders, natives of Takapuna and Timaru and, incidentally, both red-headed, joined the R.A.F. in 1937. One took part in the battles behind Dunkirk, in which he destroyed a Ju. 87 and shared another. On a first patrol his squadron ran into about fifty enemy aircraft and shot down eleven of them. On a later occasion he was himself shot down when his squadron had gone up to intercept a large party of Nazi bombers, heavily escorted by fighters, heading for England. His flight became mixed up with fifty Me. 110s and he had his controls partly shot away by cannon fire. His machine dived from 20,000 to 5,000 feet before he could jerk open the jammed hood, and bale out. He came down near Saffron Walden.

The other flight commander served in France with a bomber squadron of Battles before being transferred to fighters.

Ten other members of this first New Zealand fighter squadron have already met the Hun while serving with other squadrons. Between them they have destroyed 7 enemy aircraft. The pilot with the highest individual score comes from Cambridge, North Island, and was a motor salesman in New Zealand before volunteering. His "bag" is three Me. 109s, all shot down over the South of England.

One of the sergeant-pilots has had his share of thrills of another kind; he was a member of a party of four young adventurers—three

from New Zealand and the other a South African—who sailed round the world in a small ketch about a couple of years before the war, taking 15 months to complete the trip.

Every pilot in the squadron is now eagerly awaiting the day when they go into action together for the first time as a Dominion Squadron.

"PERIOD" MESS

In Scotland Officers' Messes of the R.A.F. exist in all kinds of unexpected places.

One is a shooting-box in the Highlands. The walls are white-washed now, the pictures and the elaborate appointments have been removed, the windows are curtainless and the stone flags and wooden boards are bare. But against this severe background stand many choice antiques from English, Scottish, French and Flemish homes—sixteenth century oak coffers, a walnut William and Mary chest, a Dutch marquetry cabinet, some pieces of French Buhl, and a dulcimer whose mellow tones may have accompanied crinolined ladies in a dance.

The officers take great care of these pieces, but soon they are to make way for the more utilitarian examples of the furniture maker's art which contractors to the Services produce by the thousand. Members of the Mess may regret the change, but the C.O. will probably be glad to be relieved of an extra responsibility.

Another mess is a converted bed-sitting room in a hotel. As it is a temperance hotel, the Mess establishes its own bar in a tiny room on the same landing, and it has not always been easy to explain to the ordinary hotel guest's why they cannot buy a drink there.

The officers of another station had to take a country house ten

HOME BANNED TO EVACUEES

Southend people who took the Government's advice to get out and who returned last week-end to see their old homes were tackled by policemen.

Names and addresses were taken and visitors were warned that they had no right to be in the area, unless on business.

Mr. A. Pearce told a reporter: "All I did was to look at my old home, which is in a deployable state through being left all winter without any attention. It makes me wish that I had moved back home like other people."

Many motorists tried to enter the town without permits. They were stopped and told they could not drive into the defence areas.

They were left with the choice of either turning back or leaving their cars ten miles outside the town and walking to the nearest bus stop, sometimes three or four miles away.

GANGSTERS "GO CRAZY" AT TRIAL

The strange antics of William and Anthony Esposito, the gangster brothers, who slew two men and wounded two others in a Fifth Avenue gun battle on January 14, caused an uproar at their trial in New York recently. Their lawyers are insisting that they are crazy, and they tried hard to prove it.

Anthony seized a pad of writing paper from their counsel's table and started eating it with great relish. He removed his shirt, licked it, and wrapped it about his head in the form of a bonnet. Later he apparently fell asleep and snored.

His brother pulled out a dirty loaf of bread from his pocket and munched. He also pulled out a white napkin, rolled it into a cylindrical shape and began eating it.

"The poor fellow thinks it's a banana," whispered his lawyer.

DYING WISH TO PAY DEBT

An Army officer travelled more than 100 miles from the south of England to settle a half-crown debt on behalf of a soldier, a member of a bomb disposal squad, who lost his life as a result of his duty.

It was his dying wish that the officer should pay the debt, and the sapper's last action was to hand the half-crown to the officer who visited him in hospital.

The money was loaned to the sapper by a member of Kettering Town H. and the officer interviewed the secretary, Mr. Percy Penn, who promised to do all he could to discover the lender.

SAYS M.P.S. WILL NOT FIREWATCH

"The voluntary firewatching scheme has fallen down because not enough M.P.s have come forward, and now the Sergeant-at-Arms is attempting to use compulsion."

Mr. John McGovern, M.P. for Shettleston (Glasgow), who, with the two other I.L.P. members, has refused to take part in the House of Commons firewatching, made this statement to a reporter, and added:

"If Cabinet Ministers will go on to the roof of the House and do their share I might do so; too. I am opposed to all forms of compulsory firewatching, but am in favour of voluntary schemes at home, and would willingly, without payment, help in rescue operations."

miles away from the camp, tucked away in the mountains. When heavy snows blocked the roads between mess and camp, the mess had to be abandoned.

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Hong Kong Football Association Rules To Be Amended

Stricter Association Control Of Touring Teams Local Season To Start Sept. End In May

IMPORTANT ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES OF HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WERE DISCUSSED AT YESTERDAY'S LAST MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. THESE WILL BE PROPOSED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 9.

The amendments cover touring teams and for the first time the local football season will be defined, while important additions have been made for better control of the referees and the maintenance of a high standard among these officials.

The local playing season will be from the last Saturday in September to the first Sunday in May.

All clubs intending to invite players from other clubs to go on tour will have to obtain the permission of the other club, and all touring clubs will be required to submit a financial statement of the tour within 14 days.

Clubs will also be required to field their best teams at all times and, failing a satisfactory explanation, for failing to do so, they will be severely dealt with.

In compliance with a request from Hong Kong Referees' Association, referees' fees have been increased for all representative games and for the Finals of all competitions, while travelling expenses will also be paid referees and linesmen in certain cases.

Referees and linesmen will also be paid for officiating at any Charity games and may be presented with souvenirs not exceeding in value the amount of their fees.

League Fees Same

A number of suggestions by Hong Kong Football Referees' Association were discussed. The question of inadequacy of fees for League games was also broached but it was pointed out that the League accounts showed a loss and since any increase would mean a burden on the competing clubs, it was thereupon decided not to increase the fees for League games.

The Referees' Association also requested that the system of confidential reports on referees, recommended at the last meeting of the Referees' sub-committee, be not proceeded with in view of the smallness of the competitions in the Colony and the ability of the Referees' sub-committee to keep all officials under observation. The referees considered that the reporting of referees would serve no useful purpose, but this suggestion was not accepted.

The profit and loss account for the year, subject to audit, showed a profit of \$4,500.

In reply to a letter from the Association asking Eastern for an answer to Kwong Wah's letter, Eastern stated that Lau Fook-chuen or any other player was

U.S. GOLFERS MAY HAVE ADVANTAGE OVER BRITISH AFTER THIS WAR

British golfers are living on memories at the present time, but are, no doubt, creating dreams for the future, when championships are played again and when the Americans, as they did after the last world war, come over to challenge for titles, which they themselves regard as the hallmark of champions.

If things go along as they are at present there may be a repetition of history—a series of American successes at first—because most of the young men in Britain, who were on the fringe of greatness when war broke out, are serving in the services whereas Americans have had no break in their golfing activities.

During 1940 it was estimated that American professionals competed for between £30,000 and £40,000 in 20 tournaments. Compare that with the best British year—about £10,500 in ten major events. Americans certainly have the greater competitive experience.

not asked by any official of their club to join them on tour. The matter was then considered closed.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman at the end of the meeting, and Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, chairman, thanked all members for their co-operation during the past season and made special mention of the hard work put in by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. A. Goldenberg.

F.A. DONATE \$20,000 TO CHARITIES

It was revealed at the monthly meeting of the Council of Hong Kong Football Association yesterday, that over \$20,000 was distributed to war and local charities during the past season.

SATURDAY'S BOWLS TEAMS

Following are some of the links for Saturday:—

P.R.C.
First Division (v. Recreio Home)
W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. Dall and J. Shepherd (Skip).
C. Gough, C. Pile, G. Perkins and W. Mair (Skip).
G. Willerton, F. Channing, F. Nolan and E. G. Post (Skip).
Third Division (v. C.C.C. Away)
J. Hayward, T. Riddell, J. McWalter and J. Aitken (Skip).
A. Souter, C. Wilcox, W. McHardy and J. McDonald (Skip).
E. G. Greenwood, W. McSmith, A. J. Johnson and A. E. Carey (Skip).
Reserves:—C. Davis, F. Forrest and H. Dewar.

H.K.C.C.
Second Division (v. K.F.C. Home)
S. L. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (Skip).
G. G. Aitkenhead, T. R. Rowell, L. A. R. Duncan and F. Goodwin (Skip).
R. R. Davies, R. A. Edwards, P. J. A. Hamilton and A. W. Brown (Skip).
Third Division (v. Kowloon B.G.C. Away)
L. E. N. Ryan, H. F. Shields, A. S. Mitchell and A. McKellar (Skip).
H. H. Beddow, P. Morrison, P. A. Cox and E. S. Abraham (Skip).
Dr. D. J. Valentine, W. R. Lambert, E. S. Doughty and P. S. Cassidy (Skip).

K.B.G.C.
"A" First Division (v. K.C.C. Away)
W. L. Walker, E. Levett, S. Randle and A. Holland (Skip).
R. P. Phillips, H. Lockhart, H. White and A. J. Hall (Skip).
L. Sykes, A. Hyde-Lay, H. E. Drew and J. McKelvie (Skip).
"B" First Division (v. C.C.C. Away)
W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, W. McNeill and R. Duncan (Skip).
P. A. Peckham, E. A. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (Skip).
E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, G. H. Sherriff and L. Guy (Skip).
Third Division (v. H.K.C.C. Home)
C. E. Langley, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (Skip).
J. S. Dinnen, A. Bower, G. E. F. Thompson and C. Wallis (Skip).
S. C. Walker, G. W. Elphick, L. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip).

K.T.G.C.A.
Second Division (v. Tai Koo Home)
H. A. Castro, J. Tang, A. Madar, and A. J. Kew (Skip).
N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip).
H. Gittins, W. M. Gittins, A. E. Castro and W. J. Howard (Skip).

I.R.C.
First Division (v. Recreio "A", Away)
A. K. Sufflad, K. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip).
J. Hoosen, U. A. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (Skip).
D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. R. Dallah (Skip).
Third Division (v. Recreio, Home)
M. A. Wahab, M. Hassan, M. U. Razack and S. M. Rumjahn (Skip).
B. el Arculli, A. S. Sufflad, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (Skip).
M. B. Hassan, J. M. A. Rumjahn, A. G. Sufflad and A. O. Madar (Skip).

C.S.C.C.
First Division (v. K.D.R.C., Home)
E. Kirmon, V. S. Ebbage, J. Gellatly and E. W. C. Simmonds (Skip).
W. H. Colledge, A. F. Shephard, M. E. Purvis and M. N. Rakusen (Skip).
P. D. Crawley, T. Seddih, C. Strange and J. F. McGowan (Skip).

C.C.C.
First Division (v. K.B.G.C. "B", Home)
J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Bassa and U. M. Omar (Skip).
"A" First Division (v. P.R.C., Home)
Y. A. Razack, M. J. Medina, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rossetti (Skip).
Second Division (v. Recreio, Away)
A. A. Razack, S. H. Solina, E. Zimmermann and T. Lock (Skip).
J. H. Xavier, L. E. Lammert, L. Gaddi and W. K. Way (Skip).
L. M. Roach, A. Kitchell, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip).
Third Division (v. P.R.C., Home)
F. X. Delgado, R. K. Pavla, D. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Marante (Skip).
W. E. Broadbridge, Y. K. Mook, E. S. Frank and A. J. Coslio (Skip).

REMARKABLE OLD PONY STILL WINNING IN S'HAU.

Over twenty-three years ago, there was born on the sunny Mongolian plains a little bay colt. This little colt gradually grew up into an outstanding 13.3 Bay Mongolian pony of that veritable type which shows speed and a most remarkable stamina for strength, duly combined with a grand racing spirit which it carried most worthily for over twenty years later.

During the early years of this pony's particular career, it established such a reputation for its speed that various China pony dealers attempted to try and buy this pony from the herdsman, so that they could bring it down to Shanghai as a China pony griffin—but no soft words or financial assistance would cajole the herdsman from parting with this particular favourite; and the pony kept up its outstanding reputation in this respect for nearly 15 years, and then the herdsman were afraid that it was getting too old and it was allowed to come down to Shanghai and entered on the Shanghai Race Course as a Sub-Griffin of the year 1934.

Over 15 Years Old

At that time the old age of the pony was so apparent that its owner took the animal to the Club's vet for inspection as regards its age—but no guiding line could be given by the marks on the teeth as they had all disappeared, and the on'y expert guidance which the vet could give to its new owner, was that it could be anywhere over fifteen years of age.

The pony entered the Messrs. Winsome & Hasty Stable and won for them quite a number of Subscription Griffin Races, but at all times the transfer from the northern climate to Shanghai seemed to tell on its condition, as for very many years it was extremely thin and could not stand up against racing.

This Stable parted with old man "Tungstenlight" some three years afterwards and it went into the Stable of Mr. A. V. White as a "Selling Plate" with a ten pound allowance off its back; its record was quite remarkable, so much so, that later on Mr. Cire became very fond of the pony and acquired it out of a selling race on April 6, 1937.

Robust At 23

From then onwards, under the kindly treatment of Mr. Cire, who rode this pony himself morning after morning—a change in the appearance and condition of "Tungstenlight" gradually developed—and to-day, it is a stout robust looking pony of over twenty-three years of age. Even at its present great age, this remarkable China pony up-

holds the reputation of its brethren as a racing-machine for speed, endurance and a remarkable stamina—so much so, that on the Fourth Day of the Shanghai Race Club's Spring Meeting, "Tungstenlight" presented Mr. Cire with another win towards its remarkable record—paying in the Win Pari Mutuel the sum of \$102.40—and again, on the Sixth Day it repeated its great effort and won the Fourth Class Champions, paying to its backers \$208.00.

And so let us hope that our Racing World in Shanghai will go on a little while longer with this outstanding aged pony indulging in its pleasure and desire to compete in our Shanghai Races, until one day its great racing spirit must leave us, and the pony pass on to its eternal rest.

Bless its grand old heart and racing spirit!—N.C.D.N.

HARVEY GIVES ALL TO R.A.F.

One of the first boxers to get into uniform, British heavyweight champion Len Harvey, has, since the war broke out, figured less in the news than almost any other big-line fighter.

It will possibly be news to many that Harvey, a pilot-officer in an up-country station, has, without telling the world, been figuring in a lot of exhibition bouts for his own command, but his commanding officer does not approve of him boxing elsewhere.

"I can see his point of view," says Len in a note replying to an invitation to box at a "Daily Sketch" Fund military show, which, it is hoped, will be staged.

"If I accepted all the invitations I get I should never stop travelling and boxing for the duration. I know you will understand how I am fixed."

It is known Harvey is taking his R.A.F. career as seriously and as conscientiously as he did his remarkable ring career of close on 20 years.

SOUTH CHINA WIN AGAIN

South China touring football team beat Perak Selection by three clear goals in a charity match at Perak on Monday. Lee Wai-tong (2) and Chan Tak-fai were the goal scorers.

WEEK-END BASEBALL

Following are the League Baseball fixtures for the week-end:

SATURDAY.
Mindanao v. Engineers (3.30 p.m.)
South China v. Chung Hwa (4 p.m.)
SUNDAY.
H.B. v. Tigers (10 a.m.)



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LEAGUE TENNIS RESULTS

ARMY WIN
ALL SETS
AT K.C.C.

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club, beat Club de Recreio by 6½ sets to 2½.

S. W. Wong and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.) beat F. J. Remedios and J. I. Remedios 6-0.

beat G. A. Noronha and H. A. Noronha 6-2.

drew with H. F. Gonsalves and A. E. Noronha 6-6.

K. C. Ng and B. F. Choy (C.R.C.) drew with Remedios and Remedios 6-6.

beat Noronha and Noronha 6-2.

beat Gonsalves and Noronha 6-3.

L. F. Hon and Y. Y. Lam (C.R.C.) lost to Remedios and Remedios 1-6.

drew with Noronha and Noronha 6-6.

beat Gonsalves and Noronha 6-2.

Varsity Win

At Sookunpoo, Indian Recreation Club lost to Hong Kong University Tennis Club by 2½ sets to 6½ sets.

A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.) beat P. K. Hui and S. L. Yung 6-2.

beat K. Y. Tam and Paul Liu 6-2.

lost to Ip Yee and Kenneth Lo 3-6.

M. A. Wahab and M. Hassan (I.R.C.) lost to Hui and Yung 2-6.

lost to Tam and Liu 2-6.

lost to Ip and Lo 4-6.

M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail (I.R.C.) lost to Hui and Yung 2-6.

drew with Tam and Liu 6-6.

lost to Ip and Lo 0-6.

Clean Sweep

Playing at Cox's Road yesterday in the Third Division of the Tennis League, Army Tennis Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 9 straight sets.

D. Llewellyn and D. H. Hazell (K.C.C.) lost to Webb and Denyer 5-7.

lost to Megson and Murray 4-6.

lost to Duffield and Emberson 1-6.

K. Kloss and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.) lost to Webb and Denyer 5-7.

lost to Megson and Murray 1-6.

lost to Duffield and Emberson 1-6.

N. J. Bebbington and K. H. Peterson (K.C.C.) lost to Webb and Denyer 3-6.

lost to Megson and Murray 1-6.

lost to Duffield and Emberson 2-6.

Odd Set Win

Chinese Recreation Club beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 5 sets to 4 in the Third Division of the Tennis League at King's Park yesterday.

S. A. Hussain and S. H. Hussain (K.I.T.C.)

ELECTRIC
SWIMMING
SUCCESS

The Charity Inter-hong swimming gala held at European Y.M.C.A. last night was won by Electric Co., with 24 points, followed by Jardines, with 16½ points. Kowloon Dock was third.

Following were the results:—

100 Yards Medley Relay:—1, Electric (J. H. Maycock, J. K. Sloan, D. Hutchinson, G. Saunders); 2, Jardines (E. A. Roberts, E. A. Gaubert, N. D. Booker, D. O. Parsons); 3, Dock (L. Barkus, C. Logan, M. Dietrich, A. S. Bliss); 4, Dodwells (C. L. Salter, L. A. Benn, P. B. Wilson, D. H. Stewart).

Veterans' Race:—1, C. Logan (Dock); 2, C. F. Hyde (Bank); 3, W. R. Smith (Electric); 4, L. A. Calcraft (B. and S.).

50 Yards:—1, D. Hutchinson (Electric); 2, L. A. Benn (Dodwells); 3, E. A. Roberts (Jardines); 4, J. A. Stewart (B. and S.).

Diving:—1, G. Saunders (Electric); 2, J. A. Stewart (B. and S.); 3, (dead heat) P. B. Wilson (Dodwells), N. D. Booker (Jardines).

100 Yards Mixed Relay:—1, Electric (D. Hutchinson, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Grant, G. Saunders); 2, Bank (D. G. Day, Miss J. Booker, Mrs. J. Duppy, E. M. Thompson); 3, B. and S. (R. G. Castleton, Mrs. Torrible, Miss R. Cockburn, J. A. Stewart); 4, Jardines (E. A. Roberts, Miss B. Longbottom, Miss V. Blackburn, N. D. Booker).

150 Yards Relay:—1, Jardines (E. A. Roberts, N. D. Booker, D. O. Parsons, W. K. Corneek, E. A. Gaubert, G. P. Stone); 2, Dock (C. Logan, A. S. Bliss, L. Barkus, M. Dietrich, V. Ramsay, R. Lapsley); 3, Bank (C. F. Hyde, D. G. Day, G. T. Hartington, M. F. L. Haynes, M. G. Carruthers, F. M. Thompson). Electric was disqualified when the second last man took off before time.

200 Yards Invitation Relay:—1, Combined Hong; 2, European Y.M.C.A.; 3, Combined Services; 4, Combined Government.

Hong Apprehensions:—1, Electric 24; 2, Jardines 16½; 3, Kowloon Dock 12; 4, Hong Kong Bank 11; 5, Butterfield and Swire 9; 6, Dodwells 6½.

beat H. N. Chau and A. Lui 6-2.

beat C. Wei and K. Li 6-3.

beat M. C. Tang and F. Y. Tong 6-1.

Dr. H. M. Singh and Dr. S. A. M. Sipher (K.I.T.C.)

lost to H. N. Chau and A. Lui 2-6.

lost to C. Wei and K. Li 4-6.

lost to M. C. Tang and F. Y. Tong 3-6.

M. Ramzan and K. S. Mehral (K.I.T.C.)

lost to H. N. Chau and A. Lui 2-6.

lost to C. Wei and K. Li 2-6.

beat M. C. Tang and F. Y. Tong 6-4.

Overwhelming Win

In the Third Division of the Tennis League, South China Athletic Association beat Craigengower Cricket Club by 8 sets to 1 at King's Park yesterday.

J. Hui and H. C. Kwok (S.C.A.A.) beat W. J. Howard and K. I. Woo 6-3.

beat Geo. Lu and T. K. Li 6-1.

beat Lee Wai-kei and J. W. Leonard 6-4.

K. H. Ip and S. Y. Li (S.C.A.A.) beat W. J. Howard and K. I. Woo 6-2.

beat Geo. Lu and T. K. Li 6-1.

lost to Lee Wai-kei and J. W. Leonard 4-6.

K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong (S.C.A.A.) beat W. J. Howard and K. I. Woo 6-0.

beat Geo. Lu and T. K. Li 6-1.

beat Lee Wai-kei and J. W. Leonard 6-3.

Chan and K. F. Lo.

TO-DAY'S
TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:—

S.C.A.A. v. A.T.C.

Filipino Club v. P.O.R.C. (1)

C.C.C. v. C.B.A.

P.O.R.C. (2) v. I.R.C.

C.R.C. v. K.I.T.C.

K.I.T.C.—K. S. Mehral and Y. Khan; S. Ramchand and A. H. Mehral; J. Dad and U. H. Esmail.

S.C.A.A.—C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau; K. I. Chan and Y. K. Ng; P. Y. Kwok and K. C. Slet.

I.R.C.—M. Hassan and K. Nazari; M. S. Hassan and M. I. Razack; G. Singh and A. I. Sufiad.

P.O.R.C. (1)—D. Fitches and K. W. Wong; S. S. Chin and S. K. Chin; W. Morrison and J. Howlett.

P.O.R.C. (2)—A. G. MacPherson and Y. K. So; Lal Fat and C. C. Lam; T. I. Chan and K. F. Lo.

V.R.C. HEATS
FOR
SATURDAY

Results of heats for the V.R.C. Inter-Members' gala to be held on Saturday are as follow:—

Members' 50 yds. Free Style Handicap:—Class "B", Heat 1: A. Cruz 33.1, L. G. Vieira 29.4, P. Rull 31.2; Heat 2: A. Alves 35.2, J. Fenton 28.2, F. Noronha 31.3, J. Marques 30.1, Finalist: P. Rull, L. G. Vieira, A. Cruz, Alex Alves, J. Fenton.

Boys' 50 yds. Back Stroke Handicap: Heat 1: R. Souza 47.0, C. Guterres 43.4, R. Sequeira 45.3, J. Roza-Pereira 40.4; Heat 2: T. Lopes 32.2, A. Remedios 46.2, Finalist: C. Guterres, R. Souza, R. Sequeira, A. Remedios, T. Lopes.

Ladies' 25 yards Free Style Handicap:—"Beginners" Class, Heat 1 and Finalist: L. Silva 19.0, M. Gutierrez 21.4, B. Brito 22.2, J. Silva 22.3, G. Jorge 27.4. Note:—Miss L. Silva by doing under 20 seconds, is qualified to swim for "B" Class Ladies and not for this event.

Members' 50 yds. Back Stroke Handicap:—Heat 1: L. Vieira 40.0, A. Cruz 46.3, G. F. Castro 49.3, C. Rozario 47.1; Heat 2: E. D. da Roza 34.3, A. K.

AMAZING GOLF
FEAT

A golf performance worthy of recall is that of Horton Smith, young Ryder Cup "star" who entered, qualified, and completed all medal play rounds in every American tournament. In all he played 83 rounds for an average of 72.61, a really fine performance when considering the varying nature of the courses on which tournaments are played.

Rumjahn 31.3, L. Roza-Pereira 33.1; Heat 3: F. Noronha 35.0, J. Marques 41.2, P. Rull 43.1; Finalists: L. Vieira, A. Cruz, A. K. Rumjahn, E. D. da Roza, F. Noronha.

Boys' 50 yds. Free Style Handicap:—Heat 1: J. Anderson, Jr. 35.0, R. Sequeira 30.4, H. Silva 31.2; Heat 2: C. Guterres 34.1, R. Souza 35.0, J. Roza-Pereira 30.4, A. Remedios 34.0; Heat 3: W. Ribeiro 34.2, T. Lopes 29.2, Finalists: R. Sequeira, J. Anderson, Jr., C. Guterres, W. Ribeiro, T. Lopes.

Members' 50 yds. Breast Stroke Handicap:—Heat 1: Alex Alves 35.4, G. Yvanovich 35.4, J. Marques 34.0, Heat 2: A. K. Rumjahn 33.2, C. Marcal 35.4, Luiz M. Remedios 32.1, E. Remedios 39.4; Finalists: G. Yvanovich, Alex Alves, C. Marcal, Luiz M. Remedios, A. K. Rumjahn.

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Beaverbrook Says Defences Have Been Improved

HAIFA A.A. DEFENCES IN FORM

A single hostile 'plane which caused an air-raid alert in Haifa on Tuesday night was promptly shot down by the ground defences in a few minutes.

It was the third enemy 'plane to meet this fate since Monday night's blitz. — Reuter.

Invasion May Come At Any Time

"WE HAVE EVERY reason to expect increased bomber attacks, but we are prepared for them with increased improved defence."

So stated the former Minister for Aircraft Production, Lord Beaverbrook, speaking yesterday for the first time in the House of Lords as Minister of State.

He congratulated his successor on the "magnificent" production of aeroplanes and on the record production of engines in May.

Replying to Lord Strabolgi in a debate on civil defence, Lord Beaverbrook rejected the plea to consolidate various defence services under a single Minister as "there were altogether too many functions discharged by the various Ministries to permit any amalgamation with advantage to the country."

Invasion At Any Time

Replying to Lord Astor's suggestions about providing for the civil population after air raids, Lord Beaverbrook said that production was far more important than the effect of air raid on the civil population. Production must continue in all circumstances as far as possible.

Military billeting must be the first consideration over civilian billeting when the military were concerned with defence against invasion which "might come upon us at any time." — Reuter.

Cripps Gets To London

Arrival in England of the British Ambassador to Soviet Russia, Sir Stafford Cripps, who recently departed from Moscow by air via Sweden, was officially announced in London last night.

The Foreign Office published the following statement: "Sir Stafford Cripps, His Majesty's Ambassador to Moscow, who has returned to England for consultation was met on his arrival by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and by Mr. Avon Mallet, representing the Foreign Secretary."

It was earlier announced that Sir Stafford Cripps was coming to London at Mr. Anthony Eden's request and after a few days in London will be returning to Moscow. — Reuter.

KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

The King's Birthday in Hong Kong was observed to-day with the usual Birthday Parade in which about 3,800 troops, including detachments from the Royal Navy, Army and Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, took part under the command of His Excellency the General Officer-Commanding, Major-General A. E. Grasett.

As was the case last year, the parade this time was again held in Hennessy Road where a special Saluting Base had been erected on the Hennessy Road side of the Southern Playground and it was here that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, took the salute at the March Past.

Accompanied by a motor machine-gun escort, provided by the H.K.V.D.C., His Excellency arrived at the Saluting Base at 8.15 a.m. and was received by a Guard of Honour provided by the Royal Scots. H.E. inspected the Guard after which the Royal Salute was given, and this was followed by the customary three cheers for His Majesty the King, led by H.E. the Governor.

This concluded, H.E. took up his stand at the Saluting Base for the March Past. Immediately before this, however, a flight of 'planes from the R.A.F. flew past along the route.

Later in the day a reception for the Consular Body was held at Government House.

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STOP PRESS

Reports on the recent dug-out suffocation case were heard and measures to improve the equipment and administration of the anti-air raid shelters in Chungking discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Executive Yuan held under the chairmanship of Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Yuan.

Following the reports, the meeting devoted itself to a detailed discussion of the measures for the improvement of the equipment and administration of the air raid shelters, the organisation and direction of the air defence personnel, and the co-ordination of their work. — Central News.

Maddened with pain, a rat which was drenched in kerosene and set alight, escaped and attacked its captors who, it is alleged, included two children, and set furniture on fire at No. 134 Temple Street, Yaumatei, shortly after 9 a.m. to-day.

The Fire Brigade and Emergency Police Unit were summoned to the scene, but their services were not needed since the blaze was put out by other inmates of the flat.

Four, including the two children, have been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from burns and scratches received when the burning rat leapt at them and clambered over their bodies.

It is alleged the rat was trapped by one of the inmates who drenched it in kerosene and then set it alight.

MAJOR BATTLE RAGING IN DAMASCUS REGION

(Continued from Page 1)
tack east of Kiswe, south-east of Damascus.

It continues: "According to information received during the day, the enemy launched an attack east of Kiswe which was held by our forces. In the Merj Ayoun region our advance units have organised themselves in new positions."

"Along the coast our troops continue to resist the British push which is supported by the British Fleet. There is nothing to report in the other sectors."

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